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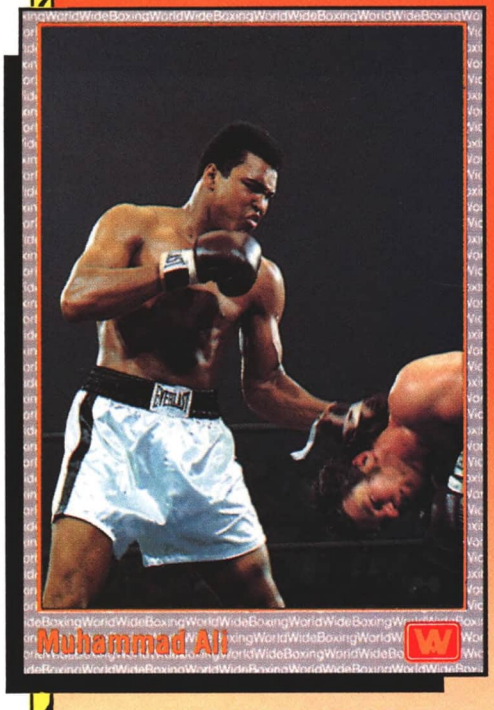

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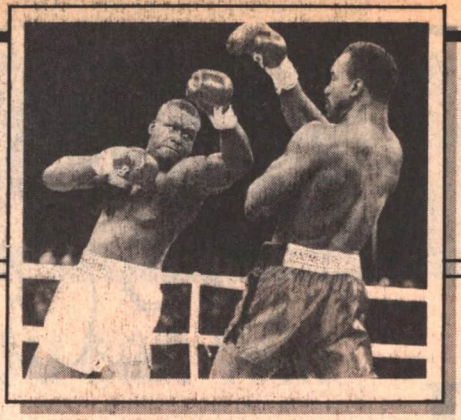

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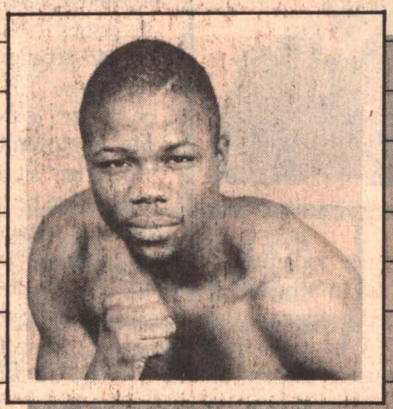

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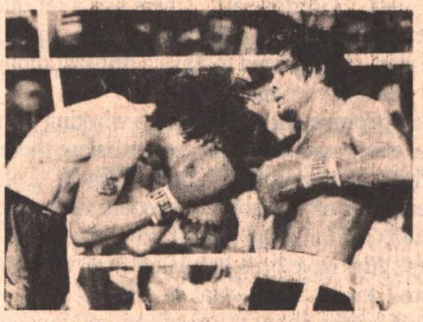

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RINGSIDE

In October, during the second round of a heavyweight bout televised from Phoenix, Alex Garcia beat the bull out of former cruiserweight champion Bernard Benton, who hadn't fought in three years. Garcia hammered a defenseless Benton, then hammered some more. There were 32 unanswered punches before referee Roger Yanez stepped in.

"I had to be one of the hundreds of thousands of people standing up in front of their TV sets and yelling, 'Stop the fight!' " said Randy Gordon, the chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission.

John Montano, the executive director of the Arizona State Boxing Commission, relieved Yanez of his duties for the rest of the card. "He might've had an off-night," Montano said during a TV interview.

Yanez' "off-night" could've cost Benton his life. In November, Montano told me that Yanez would be "sitting out the rest of the year." He added that he had not yet determined Yanez' future as a referee in Arizona.

Yanez' judgment served as a reminder of just how bad boxing's referees can be. In September, Riddick Bowe, a dangerous heavyweight, issued an extended beating to washed up but still proud Pinklon Thomas in Washington, D.C. What was referee Sylvester Stevens thinking as the slaughter progressed? In August, underneath the Orlando Canizales-Eddie Rangel title fight in Saratoga Springs, New York, Gordon had to fire Harry Pappacharalambous on the spot, so shabby was the veteran referee's work.

Many referees are fat or elderly. Others present different problems.

"In November 1988," Gordon said, "there was a ref due to work a Felt Forum card. When I talked to the officials before the fight, I smelled liquor on his breath. He said, 'I happened to have a drink at dinner.' I said, 'You happen to not be working ever again.' "

Gordon said that incompetent referees keep working primarily because of cronyism. In about every state that has a commission, there are referees who are friendly with the right assemblyman or civic leader. Lots of years in the ring invariably means lots of valuable connections along the way.

"It's tough," said Gordon, who has sat down five or six New York referees. "Some of these guys have been in boxing from before I was born. It's their love, and here I am saying, 'I want you to go.' "

You've read in this space about the need for a national or federal boxing commission. But even a commission wouldn't solve this problem, because the licensing and appointing of referees would likely remain in the domain of the individual states. Every time I watch a referee screw up during a televised fight from a major boxing state, I always think about what must go on in unregulated states like Colorado or Wisconsin or Alabama.

It's been established that boxing can't look after itself. So maybe it's silly of me to expect it to protect the lives of its fighters.

Steve Farhood
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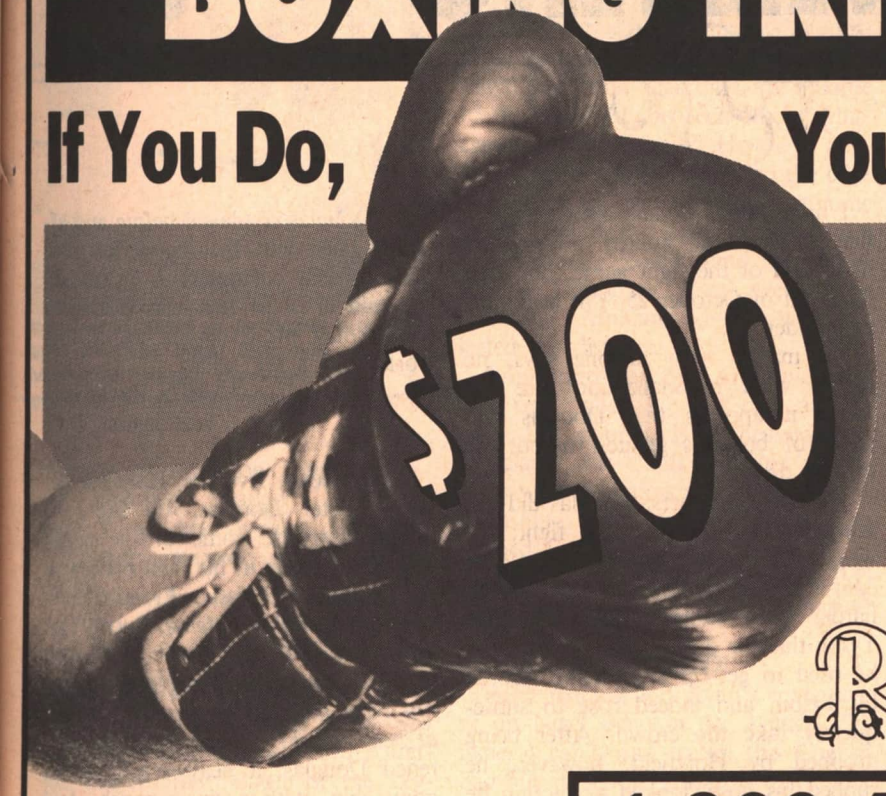

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BUSTER IS BUSTED

The heavyweight showdown between Buster Douglas and Evander Holyfield was a complete farce! The reasons:

- Buster's weight zoomed after he defeated Mike Tyson.
- Buster looked in terrible condition.
- Buster handed the championship over to Holyfield after being hit with only one solid punch over the course of the entire fight. This proves that Douglas left his best in Tokyo, where he was hit by a series of harder punches thrown by Tyson and stood tall to win.

I think Buster is finished. No one wants to see a rematch with Tyson now.

RICHARD JONES
Merseyside, England

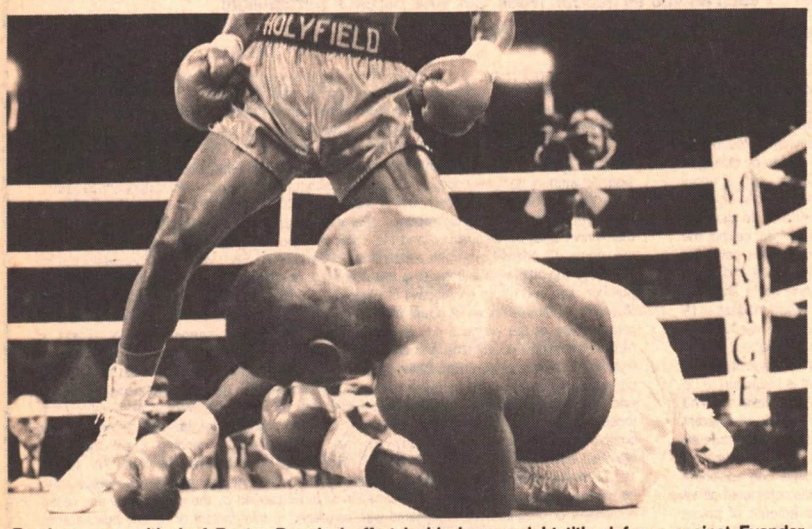
I must admit I have always been a firm believer in limited government regulation of the fight game, but after the night of October 25, I'm beginning to wonder.

No matter what anyone says, no matter what rationalizations are put forth, it appears that Douglas was guilty of boxing's greatest taboo: He took a dive.

These are the facts: Douglas did not adequately train for the fight; he weighed in at a disgusting, whalelike 246; it appeared that Douglas got hit harder when knocked down by Mike Tyson than he did by Holyfield's right; he tried to get up after being floored by Tyson, and indeed rose to subsequently take the crown. After being dropped by Holyfield, however, he rubbed his nose, looked as though he were saying to himself, "That guy sure does hit hard," asked himself how many rounds were left, and then lay totally flat and said, "Screw it."

I know some folks will say he laughed (or cried) all the way to the bank, but man does not live by bread alone. There are other things that matter, like dignity and self-pride. The nobility Douglas displayed before and after his bout with Tyson was, for some reason, easily corrupted. A lot of people paid a lot of hard-earned cash to see nothing more than a lot of fireworks and a big splash.

JAMES BRONSON
Washington, D.C.



Readers were critical of Buster Douglas' effort in his heavyweight title defense against Evander Holyfield. The fight ended in round three, with Douglas down—and seemingly not trying to rise.

After seeing Evander Holyfield destroy Buster Douglas, I'd like to—boom!—explode some of the points Jeff Ryan made in his fight preview in the December '90 issue. *Evander Holyfield has a sloppy defense.* Boom! Holyfield was hardly touched through three rounds of boxing. *Holyfield does not have the punching power to fight at heavyweight.* Boom! Holyfield flattened Douglas, a heavyweight with a good chin, with a single punch. And finally, *Holyfield will not beat Douglas.* Boom! Evander showed he could put it all together and win the title. I hope that he will get his just due and—boom!—explode any more myths writers like Ryan come up with.

MIKE A. LUNDGREN
Chicago, IL

IS BIGGER BETTER?

I disagree with Steve Farhood's "Ringside" editorial in the January 1991 issue, in which he stated that Muhammad Ali, and maybe even Larry Holmes, would have beaten Dempsey, Louis, and Marciano, essentially because, at least with heavyweights, bigger is better.

Please, Steve, check out of Fantasy Island! If it's not fair to compare the fighters of different eras, then why are you so sure about heavyweights? Because of a few extra pounds and inches? There's a chance that Ali would have decisioned the aforementioned trio of legends. It's also possible that he would have gotten kayoed, especially by Louis. As for Holmes, he would have been dog meat after nine or 10 rounds against any of the three.

Skill and heart will always win out

Muhammad Ali, shown vs. Joe Bugner in Malaysia, was much bigger than most great heavyweight champions. Was bigger better?

over size and evolution. The most recent example: Evander Holyfield, hardly a huge heavyweight, destroying a big and supposedly mobile Buster Douglas.

ARTHUR ROSSI
Shrewsbury, MA

MARCIANO VS. FRAZIER

I was quite disappointed in the way that George Chuvalo and Floyd Patterson analyzed the "Battle of the Legends" between Rocky Marciano and Joe Frazier in your December 1990 issue. They both emphasized weight as a deciding factor in Frazier's favor. They should know that weight only becomes a relevant factor if punching power and strength are also greater. Marciano hit at least as hard as Frazier and was amazingly strong. And Rocky may have been the best conditioned heavyweight of all time.

Their fight would have been thrilling, with Joe's best chance coming from Marciano's tendency to cut. But even given that, Marciano would have proved too tough. All in all, he ranks solidly among the top five heavyweights of all time, while Frazier maybe just edges into the top 10.

MICHAEL J. KOURTAKIS
Farmington Hills, MI

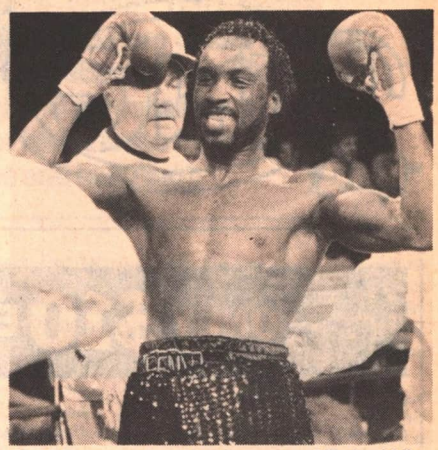
I am writing in disgust at the misjudgment of George Chuvalo and Floyd Patterson regarding the "Battle of the Legends" between Rocky Marciano and Joe Frazier. How can anyone say that Smokin' Joe had the edge because of his size? Size does not come into it. Inside of a ring, nobody, and I mean nobody, could stand up against Rocky's firepower. Not even "The Greatest," Muhammad Ali, would've lasted the distance.

Your third panelist, Al Braverman, was right when he said that anyone over 175 pounds is a heavyweight. Marciano was small, but his advantages were quickness and the wallop of a rushing steam train. He would've kayoed Frazier in the 11th round.

RORY McARDLE
London, England

FUTURE SUPERFIGHT

After reading Jeff Ryan's cover story on Nigel Benn in the January '91 issue, I can't wait to see this English bad boy in action. I heartily agree with Benn's perception of Michael Nunn. Nunn *is* a boring fighter who cheats the public by constantly moonwalking around the ring.



Nigel Benn may not be the most skilled middleweight, but he is among boxing's most exciting.

It still amazes me that Sugar Ray Leonard avoided Nunn for so many years. The chances of ever seeing a Leonard-Nunn showdown grow dimmer every day. A Nunn-Benn showdown, however, may be in the future. Hopefully, the fight will take place in a year or two, and after Benn learns to better control his emotions in the ring. If he does, Nunn will have to moonwalk to Saturn if he wants to stay out of harm's way.

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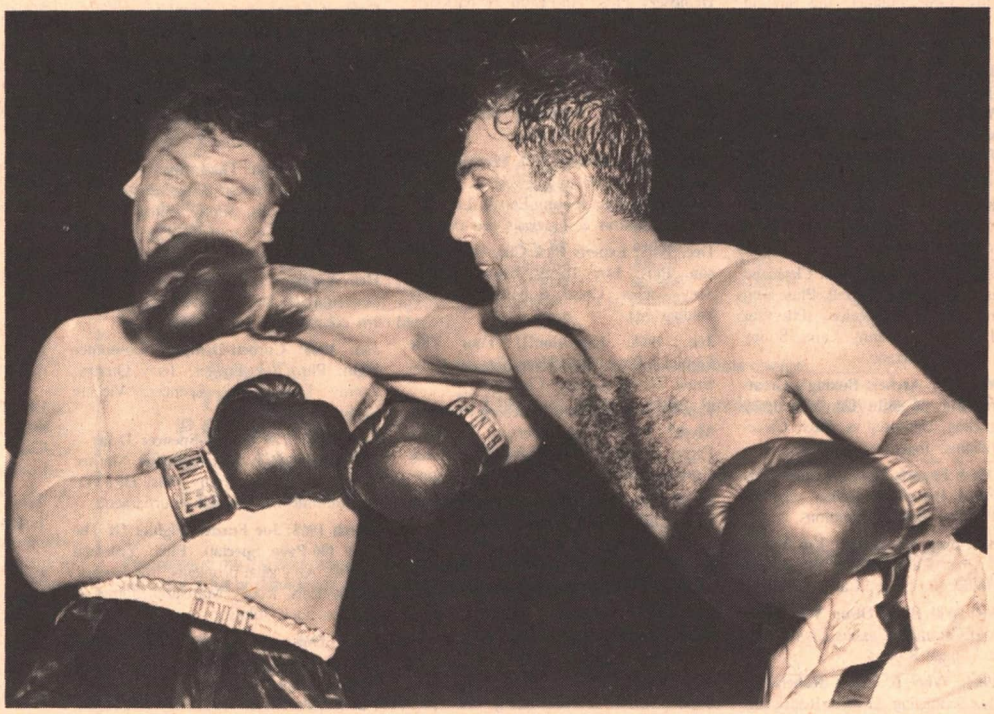

The "Battle of the Legends" pitting Rocky Marciano (pictured clocking Don Cockell) against Joe Frazier drew a heavy response. Did panelists Floyd Patterson and George Chuvalo overrate the significance of Frazier's edge in weight?

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Dec. 1966: Cassius Clay (painting by LeRoy Neiman). Plus: Frazier-Bonavena, Tony Zale, Primo Carnera, Clay-Terrell, Thompson-McClarnin, Floyd Patterson.

Jan. 1967: Is Time Running Out On Terrell? Plus: Torres-Tiger preview, long count mystery solved, Carlos Ortiz, Cassius Clay, Zora Folley, Johnny Persol.

March 1967: Why Isn't Clay Fighter Of The Year? Plus: Year-end issue, 2,500 fighters rated, Tiger-Torres, Clay-Terrell, Curtis Cokes.

April 1967: Death Stalks The Tiger. Plus: Cassius Clay, Emile Griffith, Mike Jacobs, Barney Ross, Joe Clark.

May 1967: Cassius Clay: "Louis Clobber Me? He Must Be Joking!" Plus: Frazier-Jones, Floyd Patterson, Carlos Ortiz, Frazier-Mathis preview, Nino Benvenuti.

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Aug. 1967: Karl Mildenberger: Germany's Second Schmeling? Plus: Nino Benvenuti, Foster-Cotton, Curtis Cokes, Tiger-Torres II, heavyweight analysis.

Sept. 1967: Nino Benvenuti: Italy's Greatest Ever? Plus: Sonny Liston, Primo Carnera dead, Clay's court battles, Vicente Saldivar, Yoshiaki Numata.

Oct. 1967: Frazier's Demolition Of Chuvalo Sparked Ice Bag Mystery. Plus: Ortiz-Ramos, Madison Square Garden tourney, Primo Carnera tribute.

Nov. 1967: Can Thad Spencer Match Frazier's KO Punch? Plus: Buster Mathis, Jimmy Ellis, Sonny Liston, heavyweight elimination tourney, Carlos Ortiz.

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Jan. 1968: Corbett-Dempsey Computer Fight. Plus: Joe Frazier, Jerry Quarry, Jimmy Ellis, Thad Spencer, Vicente Saldivar retires.

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July 1968: Sonny Liston: Secret Story. Plus: Curtis Cokes, Sugar Ray Robinson, Joe Louis, Jose Torres, Henry Armstrong, Frazier-Ellis?, Bob Foster.

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April 1971: Frazier-Clay In Three-Bout Series? Plus: Sonny Liston, Billy Backus, greatest fights ever, Mike Quarry.

July 1971: Is George Foreman Next Champ? Plus: Frazier-Clay, Olivares-Castillo, 105 rounds of mayhem, Nicolino Loche, Foster-Anderson.

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Dec. 1971: Buchanan No. 1 In Fistic Cleverness? Plus: Monzon-Griffith I, Joe Bugner, Tommy Burns, Buchanan-Duran?, New York Boxing, Bodell-Bugner, "Halimi" Gutierrez.

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Dec. 1972: Muhammad Ali: "I Will Bring Peace To The World" Plus: Ali-Patterson, Ortiz-Buchanan, Foster-Finnegan, Armando Muniz, Joe Walcott, 1972 Olympics, Carmona-Ramos.

Jan. 1973: Big Heavyweight Shakeup! Plus: Lyle-Mathis, Bugner-Blin, Griffith-DeNucci, WBA, Jack Sharkey, the man who stopped Ali, Bennie Briscoe, Ray Lampkin, Kid Chocolate, Ernie Terrell, Walter Seeley, Chacon-Reyes.

Feb. 1973: Is Heavyweight Ron Lyle For Real? Plus: Ali-Foster, Duran-DeJesus I, Monzon-Briscoe II, Danny Lopez, Antonio Cervantes, Frazier-Foreman preview.

April 1973: Is Champ Foreman For Real? Plus: Foreman-Frazier I, Rudiger Schmidke, Hall Of Fame (Rosenbloom, Zivic, Jack, Papke, LaBarba), Sugar Ray Seales, Rodolfo Gonzalez.

May 1973: Special Heavyweight Issue! Plus: George Foreman, Muhammad Ali, upsets, Foreman-Frazier feedback, Jerry Quarry, DeJesus-Lampkin.

June 1973: World Heavyweight Championship: Foreman-Quarry! Plus: Ali-Norton I, Louis-Conn, Carlos Monzon, Shibata-Villaflor, Napoles-Lopez, Harry Warren, Filipino Nabalatan, Garden nostalgia, Gonzalez-Navarro.

Aug. 1973: Joe Frazier: "I Will Beat Foreman Or Quit!" Plus: Ruben Olivares, Bobby Chacon, Carol Polis, Monzon-Griffith II, Vito Antuofermo, Herrera-Martinez, Lopez-Ordunez.

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Nov. 1973: World Title Fight Barrage! Plus: Foreman-Roman, Foster-Fourie, Joe Bugner, Gentleman Jim Corbett, Harry Greb, Anaya-Pinder, Henry Nissen, Muniz-Lopez.

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Dec. 1974: Inside Story From Zaire! Plus: Foreman-Ali postponement, Bob Foster's retirement, Teofilo Stevenson, Chacon-Marcano, Roberto Duran, Jimmy Wilde & Barney Ross.

April 1975: Chuck Wepner Story: A Tale Out Of Fiction. Plus: Joe Louis, Redd Foxx, Hall of Fame (Curtis, Fullmer, Tiger, Klaus, Chaney), Alexis Arguello, Marvin Hagler, Chacon-Lopez, Ali-Foreman II?, Miguel Canto.

Sept.-Oct. 1975: Is Ali Punch Fact Or Fiction? Plus: Don King, Ali-Bugner II, Monzon-Licata, Duran-Peterson, Olivares-Chacon, Galindez-Ahumada, Monroe-Hart, Ezzard Charles dies.

Aug. 1976: First American To Hold Word Title In Each Division. Plus: John L. Sullivan, Ali-Dunn, DeJesus-Suzuki, Zarate-Martinez, Foster's comeback, Duran-Mamby, Lopez-Gomez.

Sept. 1976: Ali-Norton: Special Heavyweight Issue! Plus: Vonzell Johnson, Palomino-Stracey, Galindez-Kates, Foreman-Frazier II, Arguello-Torres, Oscar Bonavena's death.

June 1977: What Now, George Foreman? Plus: Marvis Frazier, Carlos Palomino, Harold Weston, Antuofermo-Hart, Lyle-Bugner, Gazo-Castellini, Conteh-Hutchins, the comeback of George Chuvalo, Jimmy Young, Hagler-Monroe.

Sept. 1977: Norton-Young: Winner To Fight Ali! Plus: Sugar Ray Leonard, Michael and Leon Spinks, John Tate, Palomino-Green, Galindez-Kates II, Wilfredo Gomez, Irish-American fighters.

Nov. 1977: Monzon Retires Plus: Undefeated middleweights, middleweight analysis, Bennie Briscoe, Roberto Duran, Cuevas-Gray, Alexis Arguello, Wilfred Benitez, Monzon-Valdes II.

Feb. 1978: Exclusive Coverage: Norton vs. Young. Plus: Galindez-Gregory, Saensak Muangsurin, Leon Spinks, Matt Franklin, Valdes-Briscoe, heavyweight comebacks, Jerry Quarry, Ray Leonard, Carlos Zarate

July 1979: Foreman Exclusive: Preach Or Punch? Plus: Mike Weaver, Jack Sharkey, Galindez-Rossman II, Franklin-Johnson II, Jorge Lujan, Watt-Pitalua, Chacon-Limon II, Conteh-Burnett, Leonard-Viruet, federal commission?

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Nov. 1979: Leonard: Sweet Enough To Be Called "Sugar Ray"? Plus: Wilfred Benitez, Willie Pep, 10 worst heavyweights, Monzon comback?, Cuevas-Shields, Leonard-Ranzany, Muhammad-Conteh, Hilmer Kenty.

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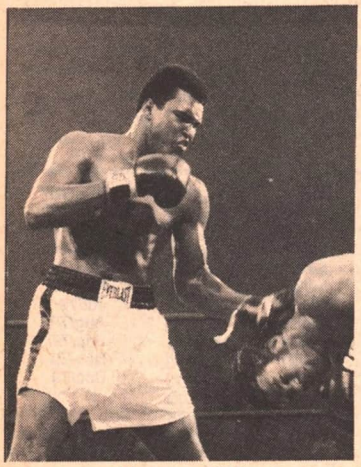
ROUND ONE

IT'S IN THE CARDS: The collecting of sports memorabilia isn't a new fad. It's always centered around baseball. Now, however, interest in boxing artifacts is skyrocketing. In June, at an all-sports auction in New York City, two pairs of Muhammad Ali trunks sold for a combined $6,250, and a pair of "The Greatest's" hightop shoes went for $1,100. Trunks once worn by Joe Louis fetched $5,500, and his gloves went for $3,750. And *The Ring* recently received a single back issues order for $1,079.

Boxing trading cards have also entered the ring of collectibles. There will be three sets of cards available by the spring of 1991. Brown's Boxing Cards, which released its first set in 1985, has



Ali gets carded

been joined by two other entries. There have been several poorly received attempts at selling boxing cards in the past, but now that memorabilia fever is becoming an epidemic, it won't be long before you'll be hearing a young boy trying to swap five Primo Carnera cards for one Rocky Marciano.

● This year's edition of Brown's Boxing Cards, which can be bought only by the set, features black-and-white poses of 72 fighters. Uncut sheets are also available, as well as the previous six sets. For information, write: Brown's Boxing Cards, P.O. Box 117, Knob Noster, Missouri, 65336.

● The 150-card color set from A.W. Sports, Inc. features color action shots of present fighters, as well as boxing's greatest legends. The company pulled a coup by securing "The Greatest" himself as a spokesman. Write: A.W. Sports Inc., 2903 Saturn Suite G, Brea, California, 92621.

● Kayo Cards, which is shooting for a March release, has already lined up dealers in England and Japan to distribute its 220 color-card set that will be available to the general public. Write: Kayo Cards, 459 Pleasant Valley Way, West Orange, New Jersey, 07052.

—Ed Maloney

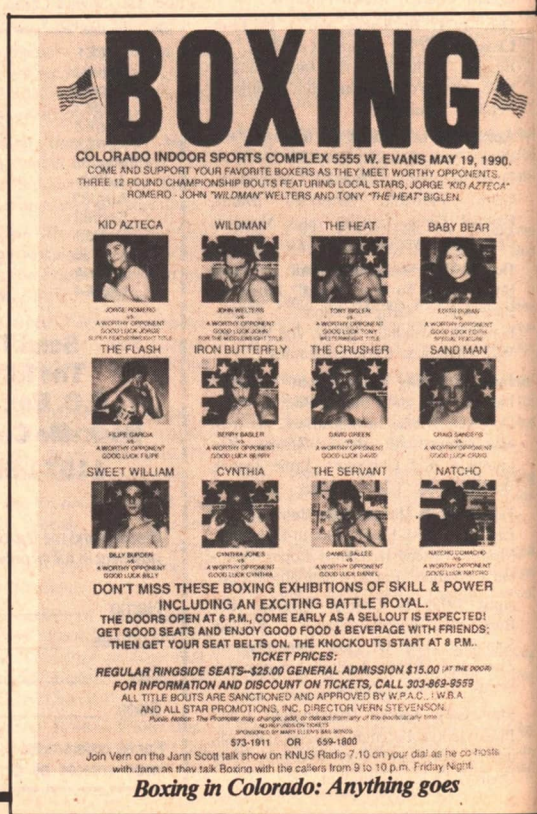
COLORADO CHAOS: In Denver, Thierry Smith, a radio talk show host, recently withdrew from his appointment as a judge in a Wilfred Benitez bout because he had interviewed the former world champion over lunch. Smith, a knowledgeable and respected boxing buff, withdrew because his lunch with Benitez might have given his scoring "a look of impropriety." Smith was, of course, correct. But what is most important to boxing in Denver is that this example of fair play and public image is no longer exceptional. This is no small accomplishment for a state that has been without ring regulation since 1977.

Over the last couple of years, several promoters have begun to run competitive shows, with competitive officials and safety standards equal to the demands of most commissions. Denver has not enjoyed this kind of fistic revival since the glory days of Ron Lyle.

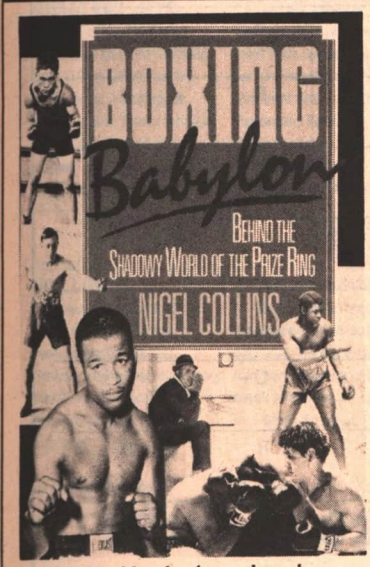
Consider what has transpired in Colorado over the past few years: a 14-year-old child in a pro match that was held in a small, smoke-filled bar; a 358-pound "boxer" without prior experience; a winless cruiserweight who was extremely sight-impaired; bouts billed as "championship matches" involving locals vs. opponents with records of 9-36 and 2-13; the scheduling of a Battle Royal (cancelled), in which six blindfolded contestants were to bash and bounce each other until only one remained standing; a man vs. woman bout for which, thankfully, the man never showed up.

The circus continues, unchecked and unrestrained, with no doctors at ringside, and an ambulance sitting an unknown amount of time away. Fortunately, honorable men and women in Colorado boxing circles continue to set a course of legitimacy and merit. Let's hope they win their battle.

—Ed Walsh



TALES FROM THE DARK SIDE: Nigel Collins starts his first book, *Boxing Babylon: Behind The Shadowy World Of The Prize Ring* (Citadel Press, $18.95), with the story of middleweight legend Stanley Ketchel, who was killed at the breakfast table. He ends it with the story of South Korean lightweight Duk Koo Kim, who was killed in the ring. The stories in between are no more cheery, but also no less riveting.



Collins' book: A good read

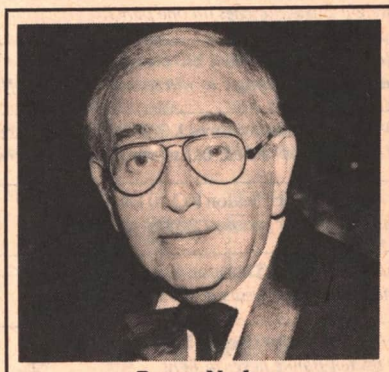
The book's blurb states, "For many boxing legends, the glory of the prize ring was quickly superseded by physical and mental ruin, illness, and sometimes tragic death. Some were involved in crime; some were victims of homicide, some killed themselves . . . " Each chapter concerns one or more of these sad stories. Some of them, like those of Ketchel, Tyrone Everett, Carlos Monzon, Tony Ayala Jr., and Sonny Liston, are intriguing and well-researched. (*Boxing Babylon* contains a handful of eyesore typos, but among its strengths is an unerring loyalty to the accuracy of names, dates, and places, which has been unforgivably absent in most recently published boxing books.) Others, like those of Davey Moore (the junior middleweight champion), Harry Greb, and Victor Galindez, read like little more than career recaps.

Veteran readers of *The Ring* are familiar with Collins' writing style. While his prose is cliche-ridden and sometimes lacking in color, it is also consistently clear, concise, and readable. The stories of the fighters in *Boxing Babylon* don't need embellishment or trim. Collins was smart enough to realize that. As a result, *Boxing Babylon* is a good read.

—Steve Farhood

Juanita and Sugar Ray during happier times

OUTSIDE THE ROPES: Leonard Bloom, an executive with Celebrity International Inc., called *The Ring* to tell us that Aaron Pryor, who has been training on a 120-acre ranch outside of San Diego, may be fighting Julio Cesar Chavez. He was serious . . . In London, former IBF junior welterweight champion Terry Marsh was found innocent of charges that he tried to murder his former manager, Frank Warren, in November 1989 . . . Mario Rivera Martino, *The Ring's* correspondent in Puerto Rico for more than 40 years, is being considered by the island's governor to chair the boxing commission . . . Obits: Dave Collins, 62, a veteran Detroit trainer who worked with Leon Spinks, David Braxton, and Tyrone Trice, among others, of cancer; Kurt Kristiansen, *The Ring's* European correspondent and recently appointed to the WBC ratings committee; Barney Nagler, 78, a sportswriter and author for more than 50 years and among the deans of boxing scribes, of a respiratory infection. Nagler was a former president of the Boxing Writers Association of America . . . Juanita Leonard, the estranged wife of Ray Leonard, charged Sugar Ray with adultery, physical abuse, and humiliation, according to court files from the couple's divorce proceedings in Montgomery County Court in Rockville, Maryland. Mrs. Leonard sought to increase Sugar Ray's monthly alimony and child support payments from $12,000 to $50,000. The couple reached an out-of-court settlement and left the courtroom arm in arm . . . Former lightweight champion Mando Ramos, 41, was released from a Long Beach, California, hospital where he was admitted after complaining of chest pains. It was determined that Ramos had not suffered a heart attack . . . Thomas Hearns visited American troops in the Persian Gulf as part of a USO handshake and autograph tour. "I thought these people need to know we do care and do love them," he told *The New York Times.*



Barney Nagler

THE PUNCHLINE: Manager John Johnson on Buster Douglas' preparation for his heavyweight title defense against Evander Holyfield: "Somebody's gotta be a little crazy, and that comes naturally for me." ■

WATCHING TV

DATE	WINNER/LOSER	DIVISION	NETWORK	SIGNIFICANCE	MATCHUP	RESULT
10/16/90	James Toney W 10 Sanderline Williams *Monotonous, but necessary rematch win for Toney*	m	USA	B-	B	C-
10/18/90	Charles Murray W 12 Micky Ward *Hey, ESPN: Ward no longer qualifies as a test*	USBA jw	ESPN	A-	B-	B-
10/18/90	**Michael Nunn KO 10 Donald Curry** *The "new" Nunn too strong for faded Cobra*	**IBF m**	**Show**	**A**	**B**	**C+**
10/22/90	Victor Davis KO 8 Edwin Curet *Sloppy brawl between two TV favorites*	w	SC	C-	C	B-
10/22/90	Jesus Salud KO 6 Francisco Valdez *Wonderful war; Salud wins with concentrated body attack*	jf	PT	B	B-	A-
10/23/90	Fred Pendleton KO 1 Steve Larrimore *One right hand ends all-Miami grudge rematch*	USBA l	USA	A-	C+	C-
10/23/90	Lonnie Smith W 10 Antonio Garcia *Typical Smith; dreadfully boring and uneventful*	w	MSG	B-	B-	D
10/25/90	Michael Carbajal KO 5 Luis Monzote *Body shots ruin mobile foe in non-title tuneup*	jfl	ESPN	A-	B	B-
10/25/90	**Evander Holyfield KO 3 Buster Douglas** *Overweight Buster lunches on one punch*	**wrld h**	**PPV, Show**	**A+**	**A**	**C-**
10/30/90	Aaron Davis KO 6 Jorge Maysonet *"Superman" off the floor to win spirited non-title affair*	w	MSG	A-	B	A-
10/30/90	Anthony Jones KO 7 Francisco Alvarez *Good scrap; Jones rocked, but scores three knockdowns*	l	USA	B-	B-	B+
11/01/90	Bruce Seldon KO 10 David Bey *Meaningful win for prospect vs. still-useful Bey*	h	ESPN	B-	B	B
11/05/90	Tony Thornton KO 9 Carl Sullivan *Thornton's pressure wears down slick Sullivan*	sm	SC	C+	B	B
11/05/90	**Pedro Decima KO 4 Paul Banke** *Badly beaten Banke never in fight*	**WBC jf**	**PT**	**A**	**A**	**C+**
11/06/90	Gilbert Baptist W 10 Ron Collins *Baptist smothers undefeated but overprotected contender*	m	USA	B-	B-	B-
11/08/90	Kelcie Banks W 10 Felix Gonzalez *Significant win; fragile Kelcie hurt, rebounds strongly*	l	ESPN	C+	B	B
11/09/90	Joey Gamache W 12 Jeff Franklin *Winner dominates in second half vs. faded Franklin*	jl	MSG	B	B	B-
11/12/90	Greg Richardson W 12 Eddie Rangel *Floored in the fifth, Richardson boxes out of trouble*	USBA b	SC	A-	B+	B+
11/13/90	Stephan Johnson KO 6 Vincent Pettway *Weak-chinned Pettway kayoed for second fight in row*	w	USA	C	C+	B-

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Argentina *25-1-1*

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Weight limit: 135 pounds

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Puerto Rico *22-3*

5 **JOHN DUPLESSIS**
New Orleans, LA *34-1*

6 **POLI DIAZ**
Spain *30-0*

7 **ANTHONY JONES**
Detroit, MI *28-2-1*

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New York, NY *17-0-1*

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JR. LIGHTWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 130 pounds

1 **AZUMAH NELSON**
Ghana *32-2 (WBC Champ)*

2 **TONY LOPEZ**
Sacramento, CA *36-2 (IBF Champ)*

3 **BRIAN MITCHELL**
South Africa *42-1-2 (WBA Champ)*

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Australia *24-0*

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Los Angeles, CA *21-0*

7 **BERNARD TAYLOR**
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South Africa *18-1*

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Lewiston, ME *21-0*

10 **FRANKIE MITCHELL**
Philadelphia, PA *25-1*

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Weight limit: 126 pounds

1 **ANTONIO ESPARRAGOZA**
Venezuela *30-1-4 (WBA Champ)*

2 **JORGE PAEZ**
Mexico *35-3-3 (IBF Champ)*

3 **MARCOS VILLASANA**
Mexico *51-7-2 (WBC Champ)*

4 **TROY DORSEY**
Dallas, TX *12-3-4*

5 **LOUIE ESPINOZA**
Phoenix, AZ *39-4-1*

6 **MAURIZIO STECCA**
Italy *39-1*

7 **RICARDO CEPEDA**
Bronx, NY *19-0-1*

8 **ELOY ROJAS**
Venezuela *19-0*

9 **RAFAEL ZUNIGA**
Colombia *23-0-2*

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Weight limit: 122 pounds

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Argentina *26-2 (WBC Champ)*

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South Africa *27-0 (IBF Champ)*

4 **PAUL BANKE**
Quail Valley, CA *19-5*

5 **JESUS SALUD**
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6 **DANIEL ZARAGOZA**
Mexico *40-5-1*

7 **TRACY PATTERSON**
New Paltz, NY *37-2*

8 **LUIS MENDOZA**
Colombia *29-2-2 (WBA Champ)*

9 **JEMAL HINTON**
District Heights, MD *14-0*

10 **YONG HOON LEE**
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MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Weight limit: 160 pounds

1 MICHAEL NUNN
Los Angeles, CA *36-0 (IBF Champ)*

2 SUMBU KALAMBAY
Italy *49-4-1*

3 MIKE McCALLUM
Brooklyn, NY *38-1 (WBA Champ)*

4 STEVE COLLINS
Brockton, MA *17-1*

5 CHRIS EUBANK
England *25-0*

6 HEROL GRAHAM
England *43-2*

7 ROBERTO DURAN
Miami, FL *85-8*

8 MICHAEL WATSON
England *22-2-1*

9 NIGEL BENN
England *27-2*

10 REGGIE JOHNSON
Houston, TX *27-1-1*

JR. MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Weight limit: 154 pounds

1 JULIAN JACKSON
Virgin Islands *39-1 (WBA Champ)*

2 GIANFRANCO ROSI
Italy *49-3 (IBF Champ)*

3 TERRY NORRIS
Mission Valley, CA *26-3 (WBC Champ)*

4 JOHN DAVID JACKSON
Tucson, AZ *22-0*

5 JULIO CESAR VAZQUEZ
Argentina *25-0*

6 JOHN MUGABI
Tampa, FL *36-3*

7 GILBERT DELE
France *24-0-1*

8 DARRIN VAN HORN
Lexington, KY *44-2*

9 JORGE CASTRO
Argentina *51-2-2*

10 CARLOS ELLIOTT
Japan *25-2*

WELTERWEIGHTS

Weight limit: 147 pounds

1 SIMON BROWN
Germantown, MD *32-1 (IBF Champ)*

2 MELDRICK TAYLOR
Philadelphia, PA *25-1-1*

3 MAURICE BLOCKER
Germantown, MD *32-1 (WBC Champ)*

4 BUDDY McGIRT
Brentwood, NY *50-2-1*

5 AARON DAVIS
Bronx, NY *32-0 (WBA Champ)*

6 MARK BRELAND
New York, NY *27-2-1*

7 GLENWOOD BROWN
Plainfeild, NJ *32-1*

8 TYRONE TRICE
Detroit, MI *36-3*

9 GENARO LEON
Mexico *35-2-1*

10 KIRKLAND LAING
England *38-7-1*

JR. WELTERWEIGHTS

Weight limit: 140 pounds

1 JULIO CESAR CHAVEZ
Mexico *72-0 (WBC & IBF Champ)*

2 LORETO GARZA
Sacramento, CA *27-1-1 (WBA Champ)*

3 ROGER MAYWEATHER
Las Vegas, NV *38-6*

4 HECTOR CAMACHO
Big Cypress, FL *38-0*

5 JUAN COGGI
Argentina *45-2-2*

6 LOUIE LOMELI
Melrose Park, IL *29-1*

7 VINNY PAZIENZA
Cranston, RI *30-4*

8 CHARLES MURRAY
Essex County, NJ *19-0*

9 JOHN MEEKINS
New York, NY *23-2-2*

10 PAT BARRETT
England *26-1-1*

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Weight limit: 118 pounds

1 RAUL PEREZ
Mexico *47-1-2 (WBC Champ)*

2 ORLANDO CANIZALES
Laredo, TX *26-1-1 (IBF Champ)*

3 LUISITO ESPINOSA
Philippines *24-5 (WBA Champ)*

4 PEPILLO VALDEZ
Mexico *37-3-1*

5 ISRAEL CONTRERAS
Venezuela *33-2-1*

6 GERARDO MARTINEZ
San Jose, CA *23-1*

7 JAVIER LEON
Mexico *33-2-2*

8 GREG RICHARDSON
Youngstown, OH *27-3*

9 KIYOSHI HATANAKA
Japan *20-1-1*

10 BILLY HARDY
England *23-5-1*

JR. BANTAMWEIGHTS

Weight limit: 115 pounds

1 KHAOSAI GALAXY
Thailand *45-1 (WBA Champ)*

2 SUNG KIL MOON
South Korea *13-1 (WBC Champ)*

3 NANA KONADU
Ghana *19-1-1*

4 ROBERT QUIROGA
San Antonio, TX *17-0 (IBF Champ)*

5 KID AKEEM
Las Vegas, NV *21-0*

6 THANOMSAK SITHBAOBEY
Thailand *32-1*

7 JOSE RUIZ
Puerto Rico *18-2*

8 JOHNNY TAPIA
Albuquerque, NM *21-0-1*

9 DAVID GRIMAN
Venezuela *10-0*

10 REY PACIONES
Philippines *29-2-3*

FLYWEIGHTS

Weight limit: 112 pounds

1 SOT CHITALADA
Thailand *22-2-1 (WBC Champ)*

2 DAVE McAULEY
Ireland *16-2-2 (IBF Champ)*

3 LEOPARD TAMAKUMA
Japan *27-4 (WBA Champ)*

4 JUNG KOO CHANG
South Korea *38-2*

5 YUL WOO LEE
South Korea *19-3*

6 JESUS ROJAS
Venezuela *20-2-1*

7 RICHARD CLARKE
Jamaica *23-3*

8 RODOLFO BLANCO
Colombia *25-6-1*

9 YUN UN CHIN
South Korea *22-0*

10 JONATHAN PENALOSA
Philippines *11-0*

POUND FOR POUND

Boxing's 10 Best Fighters, Pound For Pound

1 JULIO CESAR CHAVEZ
Junior Welterweight

2 PERNELL WHITAKER
Lightweight

3 MICHAEL NUNN
Middleweight

4 ANTONIO ESPARRAGOZA
Featherweight

5 MELDRICK TAYLOR
Welterweight

6 HUMBERTO GONZALEZ
Light Flyweight

7 EVANDER HOLYFIELD
Heavyweight

8 MIKE TYSON
Heavyweight

9 RAUL PEREZ
Bantamweight

10 YUH MYUNG WOO
Light Flyweight

KATZ

SCAN

So Nobody's Perfect

By Michael Katz

Once upon a career, back in 1977, I wrote that a certain New York Giants football player was called "fat, lazy, and egotistical" by an official of his own club. The official did not want his name used, understandably, since he was part of the same team. By midseason, the player was on the bench. By the following year, he was traded.

The New York Times, then my employer, rightfully frowned on "blind" perjorative quotes. If you were going to say something nasty about someone, you'd better be up front about it. But the line was perfectly descriptive, and I had to use it, though the official did not want to be quoted. The way around my conundrum was to write that "fat, lazy, and egotistical" were not necessarily bad qualities. I was poking fun at myself, of course, while at the same time giving readers an accurate picture of Mr. Underachiever. (Okay, to satisfy your morbid curiosity, it was John Hicks, a former first-round draft choice from Ohio State.)

To this day, the phrase "fat, lazy, and egotistical" pops into my mind—usually while viewing heavyweights. My reaction is still the same: So nobody's perfect.

Which leads us to James "Busty" Douglas. Truth be known, if I hadn't suddenly been on strike, my lead in the New York *Daily News* the day after Busty rolled over for Evander Holyfield was going to be, "You can teach an old dog old tricks."

I was going to reveal then, and will do so now, that the reason Busty had his mouth wide open in the very first round had nothing to do with his lack of training. It was simply a conditioned reflex. He had not eaten in 12 minutes. Like Pavlov's pup, when Busty hears a bell, it means feeding time. Oh, yes, there were going to be shaggy dog stories throughout.

Buster Douglas may have been fat, lazy, and egotistical before fighting Evander Holyfield, but after being kayoed in three rounds, he was sad, sorry, and subdued. The win over Mike Tyson had satisfied Douglas.

Like the rest of the press section, I was angry at Busty. He had ripped off everyone. I mean, I knew he wasn't in shape the first time I saw him, a week before the fight. But I had not yet interpolated that obvious warning into meaning that I was watching another heavyweight champion who was, frankly, fat, lazy, and egotistical. In fact, I still thought he could win, not because he was fat and lazy, but because he might have been egotistical enough to figure Holyfield for a soft touch, someone who didn't belong in the ring with Mike Tyson's conqueror.

Of course, with houndsight, I mean *hind*sight, it was clear that Douglas, like that previous hero from Columbus, Ohio, Mr. Hicks, had no great

desire. I figured, so what if he was going to make $24-million against Holyfield; there was even more money for the Tyson rematch, and then a bout with George Foreman. And, of course, there was the heavyweight championship of the world. He had to care about all that, didn't he?

Maybe he didn't. Maybe it wasn't simply the way Sigmund Freud, the old trainer, figured: James Douglas, a decent man with a penchant for athleticism, but no great heart for fighting, tried to please his warrior father by becoming a boxer, and now that he had accomplished everything his old man did not, and had ensured his family's wealth for generations to come, could bow-wow out.

Hunger for pizza—or, in some cases, appetite depressors like cocaine—instead of glory. It is the curse of the nouveau riche class in sports and entertainment. How many athletes, rock stars, and movie actors have wasted their talent in the fast lane? Sometimes it's drugs; sometimes it's boredom. At some point, they said enough was enough. They had plenty and thus directed their energies to their excesses. And with pay-per-view TV, there is now a shortcut to excess. In a game where the belly needs fire to survive, the players get stuffed as soon as they reach the top.

They become pampered and soft. Douglas showed up at The Mirage with a music box of modest proportions. Steve Wynn said, "What kind of sounds can you get out of that?" and had it replaced with one of Radio City Music Hall size. The athlete is surrounded by yes men.

"I'm so good, I don't need to train today."

"Yes, boss."

"I'm the champion, I don't have to weigh myself."

"Yess, massa."

Is that not what happened to Tyson, a classic example of the fat, lazy, and egotistical? He bloated and bleated and soon was defeated. Seemingly equipped to remain impervious to the temptations of success, he was able to focus so well while his loved ones were either dying (Cus D'Amato, Jim Jacobs) or betraying him (Robin Givens). If it could happen to Tyson, of course it could happen to Douglas, the same as it happened to Tim Witherspoon, Tony Tubbs, Greg Page, and Pinklon Thomas.

As time lends distance to Douglas' dog act, I find myself more and more sorry for him. There was anger at first, deservedly so. He had taken his money and lain down. Don King's description of referee Mills Lane's count was comically accurate:

"Mills is going one, two, three," said King, "and Buster is going four, five, six million; I always wanted a house in the country."

A lot of people paid good money, $40 on most pay-per-view screens, to watch a fight, and Douglas had robbed them. Puppies sometimes need to be scolded. But now I feel sorry for him because, above all, Douglas is a good man. So he wasn't a fighter, except for one magical night. Now he will have to live with his Lassie-like performance for the rest of his life, the same way Roberto Duran, who *was* a fighter, has to dwell forever on the aberration of New Orleans. It may even force Douglas to do something he obviously does not want to do—box again. He will find it difficult to leave with such a bad taste in his mouth, especially when someone will probably be willing to pay him millions to take the mouthwash of a Tyson rematch.

He certainly won't be the last of the fly-by-night champions, men who will strike it rich but be unable to strike again, men for whom the title will be easier to attain than maintain. It will happen more and more. But there will be exceptions, champions of the spirit as well as the ring, like Marvin Hagler, Sugar Ray Leonard, Thomas Hearns, and Larry Holmes.

The indications are that Evander Holyfield will not be distracted by wealth and fame. We shall see. He will earn $20-million against George Foreman and if, as expected, he wins, there will be more for a fight with Tyson. It does not mean he will become fat, lazy, and egotistical, not if he can remember how much work he put in to get where he is.

But so many fighters look only for that one big score, the payday that will set them up for the rest of their lives. They get it, and they live off it forever. John Hicks was an All-America at Ohio State, the Outland Award winner as the top college lineman of the year, a member of the NFL All-Rookie team. He did not go on from there. Not because the talent was lacking. The desire was. Fat, lazy, and egotistical are not necessarily bad qualities. But they do not augur well for long-term champions. For every Magic Johnson or Larry Bird who manages to perform with excellence season after season, there are scores of athletes who, once they hit the big money, become sated. The free agent who earns the security of a long-term contract; the draft choice with guaranteed millions.

And, I am afraid, too many boxing champions. ■

Douglas strikes a fighting pose in Tokyo two weeks before his challenge of Mike Tyson. Because of his dreadful display vs. Holyfield, Douglas' effort against Tyson will be remembered as an aberration.

RYAN

OUT LOUD

YO, YA DUN GOOD

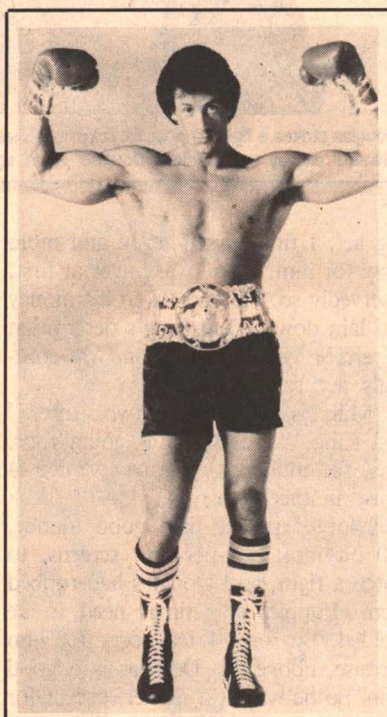
By Jeff Ryan

Unless Sylvester Stallone succumbs to the lure of some studio's checkbook two or three years hence, it looks as though Rocky Balboa has broken his last knuckle on somebody's cheekbone, broken his last cheekbone on somebody's knuckle, and, yes—as unbelievable as it sounds—yo'd Adrian for the last time.

So with *Rocky V,* supposedly the series' grand finale, now playing at a theater near you, it seems like the right time to reflect on both the character who has been a part of our social landscape off and on for 14 years now, and the guy who created him. Whether or not you're tired of one or both of them, the boxing world can't deny that they've done a hell of a lot of good for a sport that always seems to need a hell of a lot of good done for it.

Pleasant surprise is my immediate reaction after having just seen *Rocky V.* It is a movie of substance, which rates as a major upset in light of *Rocky IV,* a series of predictable scenes thrown together like a Celluloid antipasto. If you still haven't seen *Rocky V,* this tells you all you need to know: Stallone keeps his shirt on for all but a few brief flashbacks, and there is more poignancy than in any *Rocky* film since the original.

Stallone the writer has chosen to develop his characters, not his pecs, this time around. And as his diction coaches can surely attest, writing, not acting, is what he does best. Here, he's provided the quality script we've expected, but that, for some unknown reason, he hadn't delivered in several years.



It looks like Rocky Balboa has thrown his last punch. The *Rocky* movies have influenced the worlds of both film and boxing.

That's fortunate, because Stallone was running the risk of making Rocky as far removed a creature from the lovable pug of the Oscar-winning original as RoboCop is from Columbo. Much of the appeal of *Rocky* and *Rocky II* was in the gritty realism of a clubfighter who fought with the crudest of skills, smoked, lived in a tiny apartment, and carried a layer of pudgy insulation on his bullish body.

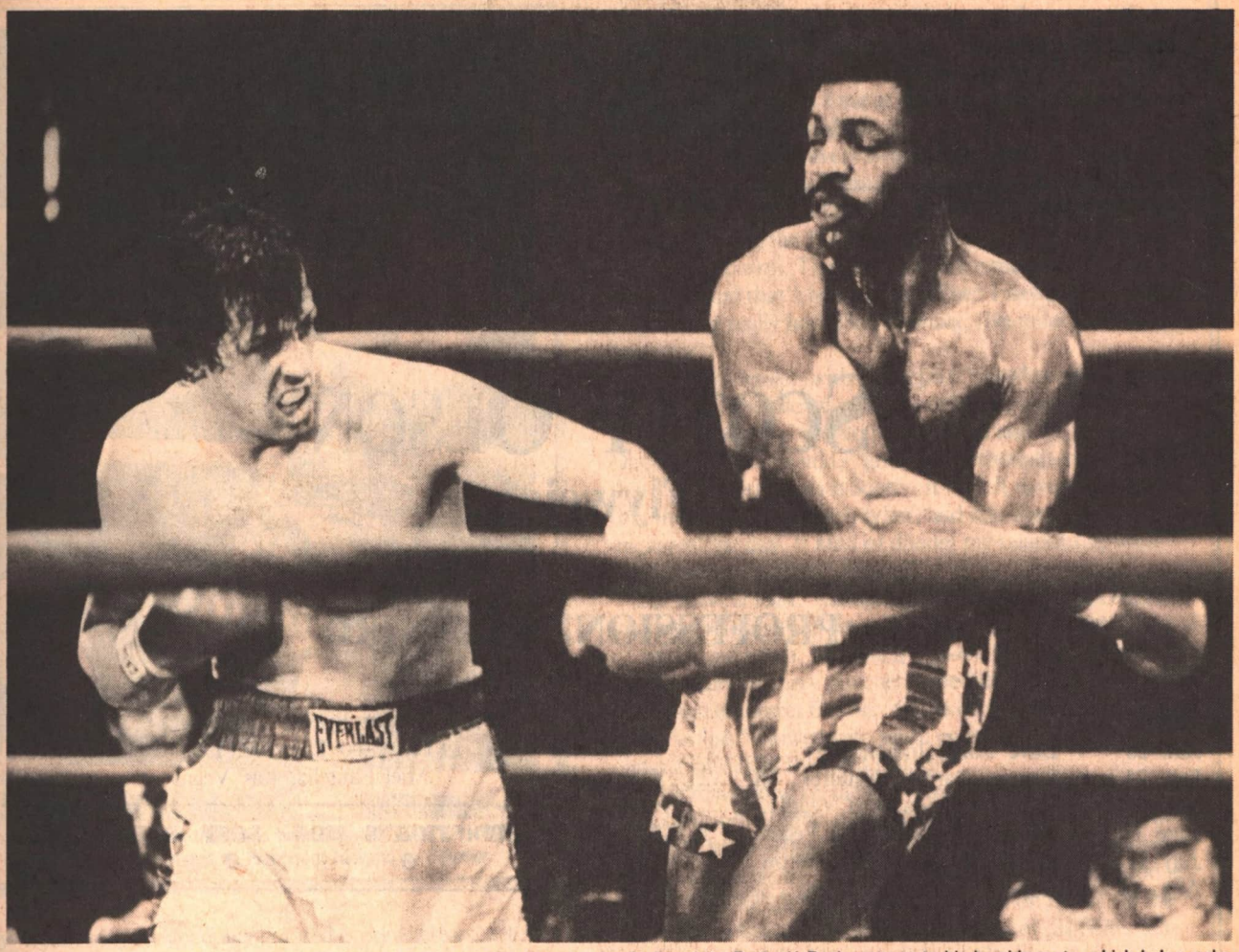
In *III* and *IV,* Rocky looked like Mr. Olympia and dominated like Mr. Ali. He lived in a mansion. The career-threatening eye injury that was such an issue in *II* was no longer even mentioned. Rocky regained the title by *sticking and moving.* He beat a high-tech Russian in the Soviet Union and helped thaw the Cold War all by himself. He took one brutal battering after another, and though he was a thirty-something fighter with the mileage of 70 wars on his odometer, he kept geting *better.*

But by having returned Rocky Balboa to the Philadelphia streets in *Rocky V,* Stallone has avoided taking a prizefight and again forcing a plot around it. Like Rocky, he, too, has returned to his roots. He's concentrated on creating a good product, not just capitalizing on his name and resting on the reputation of his early work. Stallone thus reminds us of what we liked so much about *Rocky* in the first place.

Rocky came along in 1976, and *Rocky II* in '78, at a time when a fading Muhammad Ali was turning every heavyweight title fight into 15 tedious rounds of jabbing and clutching. Balboa vs. Apollo Creed was the kind of bitter, action-packed rivalry that the real fight game lacked. And when every other scene fades from the memory, everyone will still remember the sight of Rocky bloodying his fists as he stands in a meat locker and pounds them furiously into a side of beef.

No, we'd never seen that in a boxing movie before because, as Rocky told a newscaster in the film, "I think I invented it."

The mainstream's love affair with both *Rocky* and the Olympic performances of Sugar Ray Leonard, the Spinks brothers, Howard Davis, and Leo Randolph were the catalysts for a



In the Oscar-winning *Rocky*, our fistic hero battled heavyweight champion Apollo Creed. In *Rocky V*, Rocky returns to his humble roots, which helps make for an entertaining movie. Fourteen years after the original, Rocky continues to get people to talk about boxing, which, as Angelo Dundee says, is good.

great resurgence of interest in boxing. The new boom period would end up lasting a good six years (through three *Rocky* flicks) and would be like none the sweet science had enjoyed since The Golden Age of the '50s.

The *Rocky* movies spoke well of boxing when nobody else did. Because they were wrapped around the release of *Raging Bull,* they served as an antidote to the idea that fighters were wife-beating thugs with malice for everyone, not just the opponent, in their hearts. The *Rocky* series was a change from Hollywood's stereotypical portrayal of boxing, with gangsters lurking behind every ringpost and fighters spending more time in the tank than Shamu at Sea World.

Rocky was no genius, but he loved his wife and kid, took care of his dog, gave his tropical fish cute names, idolized Rocky Marciano, never cursed, and always gave his best. Otherwise normal adults stood up in theaters and shamelessly cheered for him because, in the world of sports, heroes don't come any purer than that.

Rocky Balboa was the idol of every fighter who ever bled for $300 paydays, and though it's not publicized by the promoters signing the checks these days, there are plenty of them out there. He was an inspiration to kids like Vinny Pazienza, a high school football star from Rhode Island who left a showing of *Rocky* and ran right out of his shoulder pads and into a gym. Like Rocky, Paz was an Italian Stallion who bled a lot and won mostly on guts. But he, too, climbed to the championship when nobody thought he had a chance. How many times do you think "Gonna Fly Now" played in his head when he was doing roadwork?

For some, like the mostly white crowd in a Long Island theater that chanted "Coo-ney! Coo-ney!" as Rocky was dismantling Clubber Lang in *Rocky III*, Rocky Balboa could blur the line between the reel and the real. For others, like the black guy who, after leaving the closed-circuit showing of the Holmes-Cooney fight that I attended, told his friends, "The white man only wins in the movies," the line remained distinct.

In either case, though, Rocky Balboa and Sylvester Stallone got people talking about boxing, and as Angelo Dundee once told me, "Talk is always good. The worst thing in the world for this sport is silence."

Here's hoping that this issue of *The Ring* has found its way into the Balboa family's tiny house in Philadelphia. If Butkus hasn't chewed it up, or Adrian hasn't tossed it out, or Rocky Jr. hasn't stashed it in his locker at school, maybe our favorite one-in-a-million shot is even reading it right now. If so, Rock, here's a message for you and that other Sly fox, that alter ego of yours:

Yo, fellas, ya dun good.

Drop a couple of raw eggs into a glass and toast yourselves. ■

NEW

FACES

SCOTTY OLSON

Flyweight

PROFESSIONAL RECORD

1990

Jan. 28	Dave Long, Indianapolis	W 4
Feb. 25	Ramiro Garcia, Bismarck, ND	W 6
May 31	Victor Miranda, Las Vegas	KO 2
June 14	Manuel Martinez, Las Vegas	KO 1
July 31	Rogelio Martinez, Edmonton	KO 2
Aug. 18	Robert Garza, Las Vegas	KO 2
Sept. 20	Eleasar Bravo, Las Vegas	KO 2
Oct. 11	Francisco Luevano, Las Vegas	KO 3
Nov. 8	Ariel Santeliz, Las Vegas	KO 1

RECORD:	FIGHTS	WON	LOST	DREW	KO
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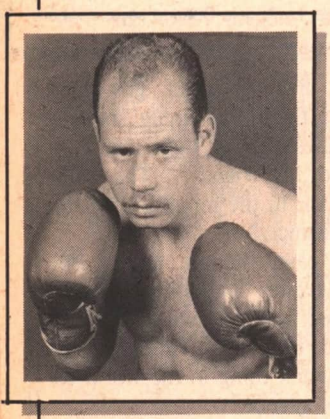


By Steve Farhood

It was on the streets that Scotty Olson first came to realize the wisdom in an age-old axiom: *A good salesman can peddle anything, because no matter the product, what he's really selling is himself.* Olson kept that in mind during the eight months that he was lugging Filter Queen vacuum cleaners from house to house in his native Edmonton, Alberta, Canada.

"I'm a people person," he said. "I'd make appointments with the ladies, and after chatting with them for an hour or so, selling the vacuum cleaners would be easy."

In July 1989, Olson tried for a tougher sell. In fact, it was the sale of a lifetime. He and a friend got into his '73 Oldsmobile (no air conditioning) and drove from Edmonton to Las Vegas. Their destination was the office of promoter Bob Arum. Olson had made a VHS highlights tape of his most spectacular amateur victories. He was going to try to sell himself as a pro fighter.

"I was so excited," recalled the ebullient 5-foot flyweight, "that I didn't even tell my mother until the day I left because I knew that if I told her, she wouldn't let me go. I really didn't have the money for the trip. I had $350 in my pocket, but I was $3,500 in debt."

There's no time like the present may not be another sales axiom, but Olson wasn't taking chances. He drove non-stop for 25 hours, never trading seats with his buddy. If he can carry that kind of stamina into the ring, he should lobby for a return to 20-round fights.

Olson's tape found the VCR of Top Rank matchmaker Bruce Trampler, who then asked publicist Richie Sandoval for his opinion.

"What I saw," the former bantamweight champion said, "was a fighter who would be better in the pros than the amateurs. I could sense his energy, his will of wanting to become something."

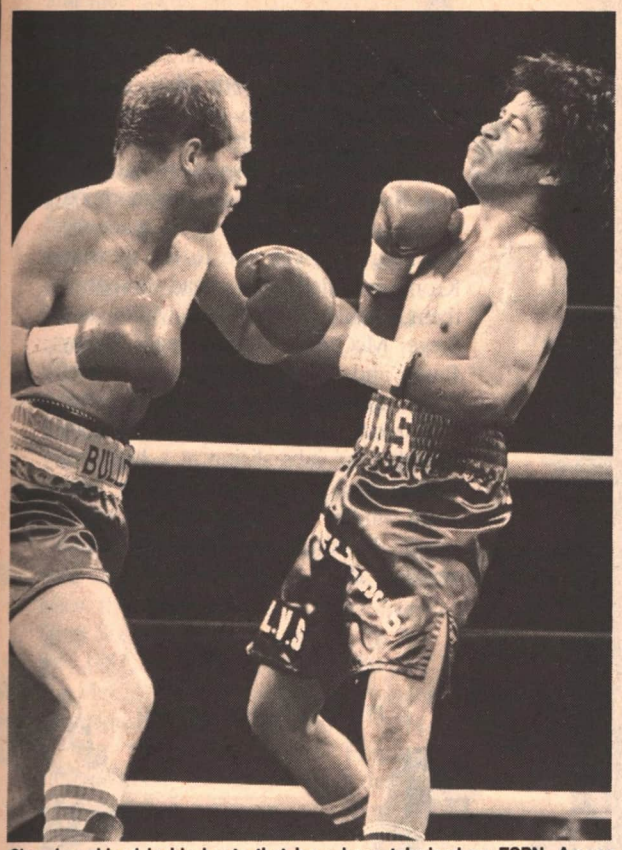
It's ironic that Sandoval, who immediately began training Olson, helped sell this fighter to Arum. After the '88 Olympics, Sandoval had convinced the promoter to sign light flyweight silver medalist Michael Carbajal. Olson had remained a relative unknown at least partly because Carbajal had eliminated him in the quarterfinals of the Games in Seoul.

"We fought three times as amateurs," Olson said. "The first time was May 1987. We brought him to Edmonton because there was no one there left for me to fight. He chose to *fight* with me, and that was a big mistake."

Olson outpointed Carbajal, but lost the next two bouts by decisions, in a United States-Canada pre-Olympics competition, and in Seoul.

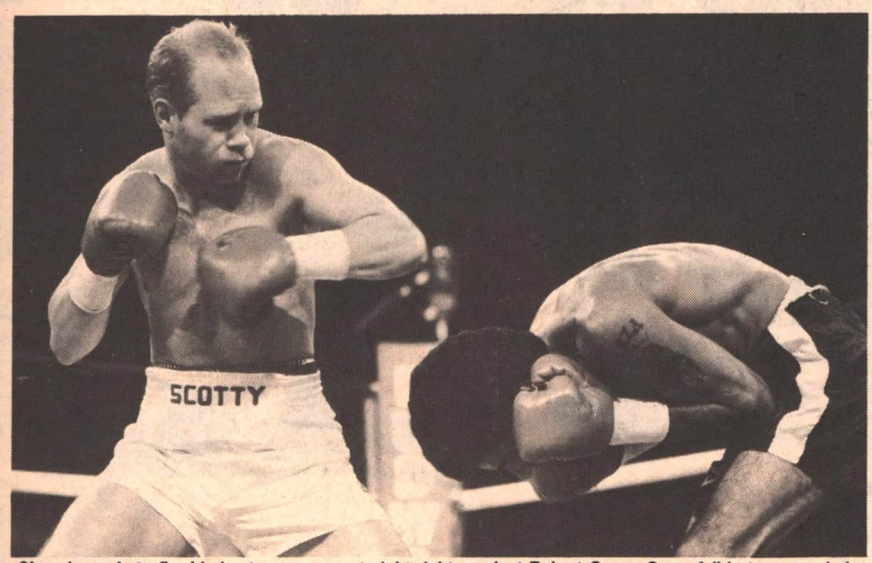
Olson fits neatly into Arum's daring plan to showcase the

Photos By Chris Farina



Olson has shined in his bouts that have been televised on ESPN. Among those was a third-round stoppage of Francisco Luevano in October.

flyweights, who are generally ignored everywhere except the Orient, Mexico, and South America. Arum's centerpiece is Carbajal, who has won the IBF 108-pound crown and become a network TV favorite. When Carbajal moves up, Arum hopes to match him in a title-unification battle against Olson, who is aiming for a bout with IBF flyweight champion Dave McAuley sometime this year.



Olson is ready to fire his best weapon, a straight right, against Robert Garza. Garza fell in two rounds in August. Olson's dream is a fourth bout—but his first as a professional—against Michael Carbajal.

"Remember," said Arum publicist Lee Samuels, "Top Rank has a history of matching its attractions in big fights."

Even if Olson wins a world title, a showdown with Carbajal is months away. Late at night, however, Olson has fought that fight several times.

"I dream about it every two or three weeks," he said. "And I don't win every time, either. In one dream, I'm fighting hard, and I knock him down in the eighth or ninth round. Entering the 12th, I have the fight in the bag, and I really take control. The next picture I remember is that it isn't my hand that's being raised. Then I woke up. I remember running really hard that morning, five miles in 29½ minutes."

Olson's obsession with Carbajal ("I don't want to be his friend") puts Sandoval in an uncomfortable position. "I was doing what I could do for Carbajal and his brother Danny," Sandoval said, "and I never thought in my mind that I'd be working with Scotty. It hadn't dawned on me that they had fought each other, and that they may be fighting again one day. It kind of divides my relationship with the Carbajals, but it's business."

For now, at least, Sandoval's business is to turn Olson into a world-class 112-pounder. Given the flyweight's lack of height and reach, his style is a given. His nine pro efforts have revealed a heavy puncher, especially with his right hand, and a natural finisher. Olson decisioned his first two foes, but has followed with seven consecutive kayos, none coming later than the third round.

"We're working on tactical moves," said Sandoval, "teaching a rhythm to slip and counter. Scotty had a powerful jab, but it would fall short because of his short arms. He has to double the jab. And I noticed that he has good leverage when he's inside, so we've worked on the left to the body, which has already helped end some of his fights. Experience is the only thing that Scotty is lacking."

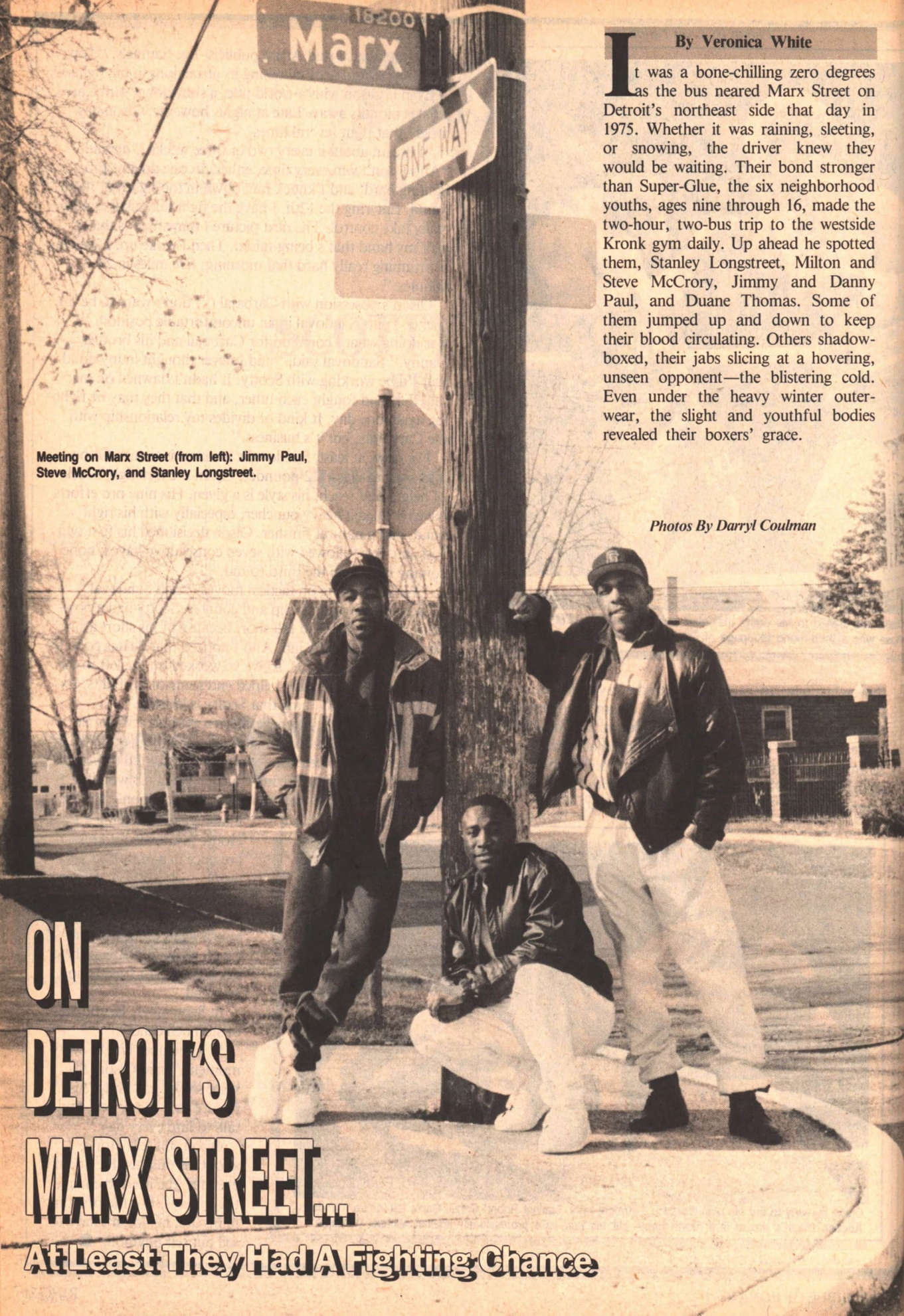
Desire, however, has never been a problem. When he was 14, Olson pounded his basement heavybag until his knuckles would bleed. And when he first started training at Edmonton's Cougar Boxing Club, the regulars would ignore him, so he kept pounding the heavybag, only harder. Finally, a trainer named Paul Hortie acknowledged his presence in a most direct way.

"He put out his hand and said, 'Son, I'm going to be your trainer from now on,' " Olson recalled. "It was the start of the best friendship I ever had."

In September, Hortie died of stomach cancer.

"I remember him at every moment," said Olson, his voice shaking. "I have his picture next to my bed, and I talk to him every day."

Olson still tells Hortie about his dreams. He doesn't even feel the need to change the endings. For the first time in his life, he doesn't have to sell himself anymore. ■



ON DETROIT'S MARX STREET...

At Least They Had A Fighting Chance

By Veronica White

It was a bone-chilling zero degrees as the bus neared Marx Street on Detroit's northeast side that day in 1975. Whether it was raining, sleeting, or snowing, the driver knew they would be waiting. Their bond stronger than Super-Glue, the six neighborhood youths, ages nine through 16, made the two-hour, two-bus trip to the westside Kronk gym daily. Up ahead he spotted them, Stanley Longstreet, Milton and Steve McCrory, Jimmy and Danny Paul, and Duane Thomas. Some of them jumped up and down to keep their blood circulating. Others shadow-boxed, their jabs slicing at a hovering, unseen opponent—the blistering cold. Even under the heavy winter outerwear, the slight and youthful bodies revealed their boxers' grace.

Photos By Darryl Coulman

Meeting on Marx Street (from left): Jimmy Paul, Steve McCrory, and Stanley Longstreet.

The driver pulled the bus to the curb and they gratefully boarded. A regular on the route, he greeted them by their first names.

On the return trip, after their strenuous workouts, the young boxers invariably sat in the back of the bus. The driver looked in his rearview mirror and chuckled, knowing that once their fingers thawed, the refreshments stowed in their gym bags would be stealthily consumed. The signs posted overhead reading "No food or drink allowed" were ignored. For some reason, he never enforced the rule with these six. Perhaps he knew he was transporting passengers of distinction. The bus was carrying three future world champions and an Olympic gold medalist to stardom.

Memories of the grueling bus rides were harnessed and ridden to glory when the first member of the Marx Street Six won a championship. In August 1983, the final round of the Milton McCrory-Colin Jones welterweight championship bout was about to begin. In McCrory's corner, Emanuel Steward knew his weary fighter desperately needed a wake-up call.

"Milton, you're losing this fight," Steward told the 21-year-old. McCrory slumped on the stool, his eyelids drooping. "Remember all those bus rides and your dreams," he continued. "One more round and it's yours."

McCrory left his corner and won the world title.

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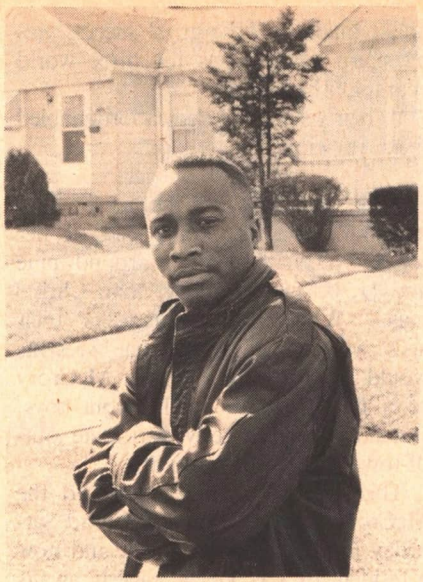
Three world champions and an Olympic gold medalist grew up on the same city block. Sounds incredible, but it's true. Through the years, Joe Louis, Sugar Ray Robinson, and Thomas Hearns have dominated Detroit's boxing headlines. But two-mile-long Marx Street, approximately located 20 miles northeast of Louis' old Black Bottom neighborhood, is home to Longstreet, the McCrorys, the Pauls, and Thomas. Today, their ages range from 25 to 32.

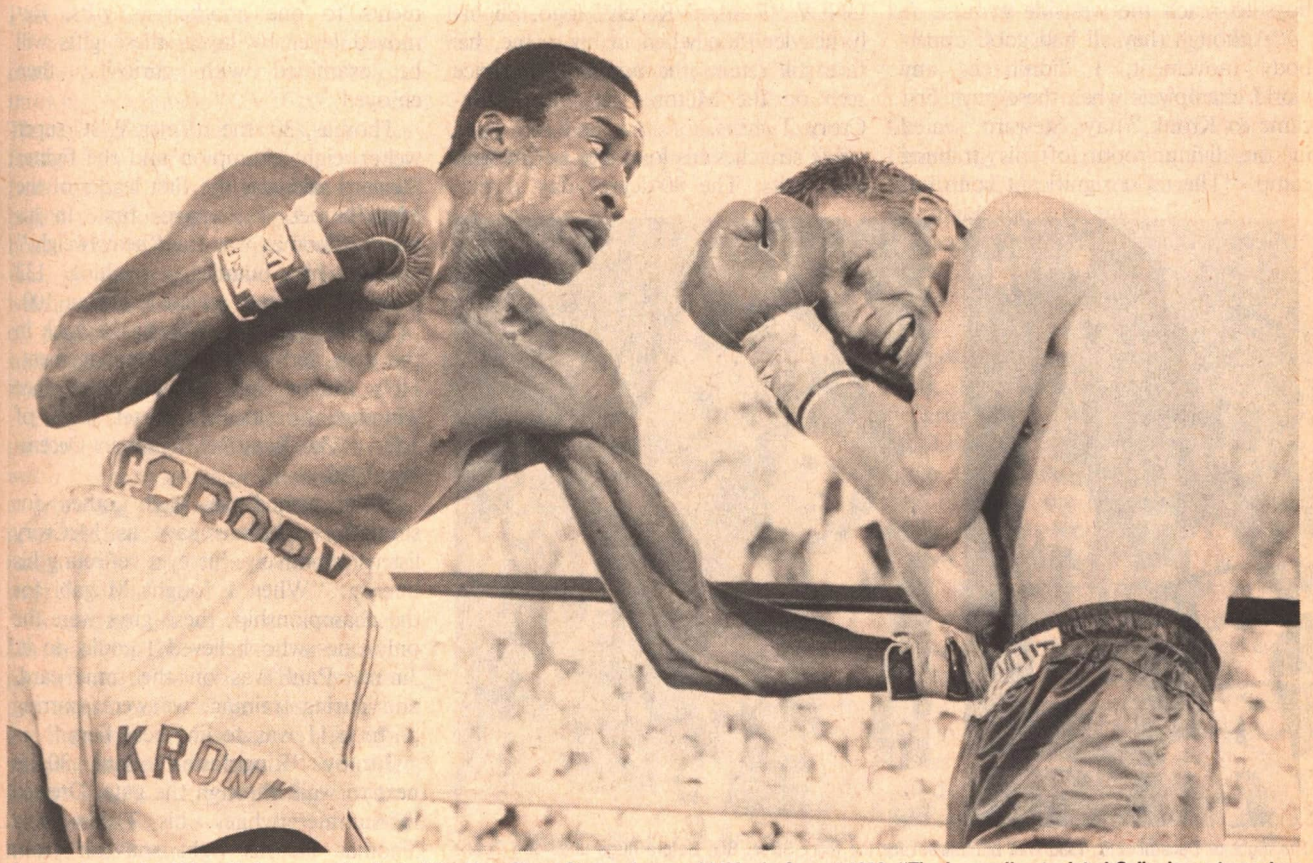
(John DeLorean, the ex-automobile executive, also grew up on Marx Street, and Willie Horton, an all-star outfielder with the Detroit Tigers in the '60s and '70s, rented a room in the house in which Jimmy Paul later lived.)

One block east of Marx Street, on Dequindre Avenue, are spacious ranch houses with flower-laden manicured lawns worthy of a magazine layout. Marx Street, presenting a more worn and earthy tone, has grown something more remarkable—six prizefighters. It is a statistic worthy of *Ripley's Believe It Or Not* or *The Guinness Book Of World Records.*

Perhaps it was the water on this particular block. Or a miracle muscle-developing elixir brewed by Mother Nature. Or it could have been a special ozone layer designed to develop disciplined minds and extra-strength hearts.



1984 Olympic gold medalist Steve McCrory is only 26, but his best boxing days are already behind him. "The Bluesman," considered the most talented of the Marx Street Six, failed in his only bid for a world title when he was kayoed by Jeff Fenech.



Lean and powerful, Milton McCrory was the first of the Marx Street Six to win a world title. In August 1983, "The Iceman" outpointed Colin Jones to capture the vacant WBC welterweight crown. McCrory, who now resides in Las Vegas, has begun a comeback. He decisioned Mike Sacchetti in September.

Most likely, however, it was the aura of the extended family that permeated this blue-collar neighborhood and acted as a support system.

Steward, Kronk's 45-year-old manager, trainer, and leader, says, "I think it's highly unusual these six talented men came from the same city block. It will probably never happen again."

It began in 1974, when the Marx Street neighbors were eight through 15. Their togetherness and competitiveness on the baseball diamond spread to the football field, the basketball court, and the swimming pool. Then Thomas attended a boxing session at the Lasky Recreation Center. Impressed, he invited his friends, who soon added another sport to their growing list of activities. At the gym, Jacque Farmer, whom the athletes consider their mentor, helped them develop their individual styles.

"We figure if we could combine our individual styles into one boxer, we'd be Sugar Ray Robinson," Longstreet says with a smile.

When Farmer's wife became ill and needed daily care, he referred his promising boxers to Steward. While Farmer had picked up his charges daily for the short trip to the eastside gym, two bus lines were required for the boys to reach the westside gym.

"Although they all had good upper-body movement, I didn't see any world champions when these guys first came to Kronk," says Steward, seated in the living room of his training camp. "The most significant contribution I made to these guys' success was by sharp negotiations for three world championship bouts.

"Their talent and dedication enabled them to win."

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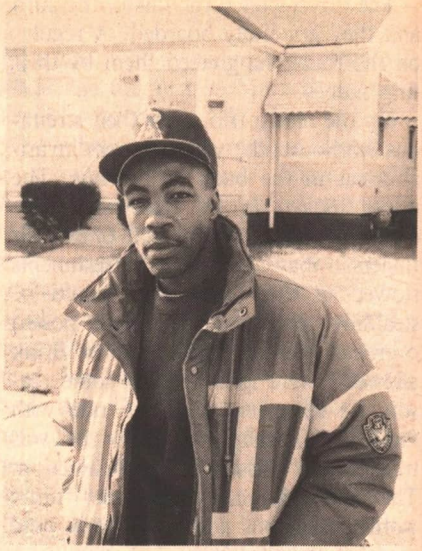
Ruth McCrory, the mother of Milton and Steve McCrory, said of her sons: "When they were around nine and 11, boxing was better than Christmas." While most youngsters their ages were anticipating what presents would be under the tree, the McCrory boys didn't worry much about toys. Instead, they'd eagerly anticipate out-of-town holiday boxing trips.

This year, Christmas comes to the McCrory household on the second Saturday in August. Milton, 28, and now a resident of Las Vegas, eagerly awaits the arrival of the rest of the Marx Street Six at his mother's Detroit home. This being their first reunion in more than a year, his dark brown eyes repeatedly return to the outside gate in anticipation. As he sits on a patio surrounded by lawn chairs, his lean, muscular body is testimony to the hours spent in Johnny Tocco's Las Vegas gym. (McCrory would make his comeback in September, scoring a decision over Mike Sacchetti.) He wears a red T-shirt and white shorts with the UNLV "Runnin' Rebels" logo. Slightly heavier than when in his prime, his face still retains the boyish looks once seen on the Milton "Ice Man" McCrory T-shirts.

He stretches his long legs before him and waits. The 80-degree day is pic-



Jimmy "The Ringmaster" Paul, who won the IBF lightweight title in 1985, has enjoyed success outside the ring. Still living on Marx Street, he works in real estate and owns 24 rental houses.

ture-perfect. An occasional breeze ripples the azure blue water of the swimming pool. The aroma of barbequed ribs and hamburgers fills the air. It's a day he wants to hold onto forever, knowing that summer will soon end, like the glory days of their youth.

Today, like Christmas, is a gathering of family. The fighters will present their individual lives and accomplishments to one another as gifts. Removed layer by layer, these gifts will be examined with curiosity, then enjoyed.

Thomas, 30, the former WBC super welterweight champion and the fighter Steward said was the first leader of the Marx Street Six, arrives first. In his youth, Thomas was the "heavyweight" among his buddies, weighing 132 pounds. The rest scaled less than 100.

Still the heaviest, Thomas is back in the gym and under new management. He's fought only once a year since winning the title via upset kayo of John "The Beast" Mugabi in December 1986.

"We turned to each other for strength," Thomas says as McCrory listens attentively, his eyes reflecting his interest. "When I fought Mugabi for the championship, these guys were the only ones who believed I could do it. Jimmy Paul was on the same card, and during training, we were sparring partners. I was feeling real fiery."

Jimmy "Ringmaster" Paul, 30, is next to walk through the gate. Dressed in summer whites, his T-shirt is a Thomas Hearns fight souvenir from Caesars Palace. His trim body is evidence that he still regularly visits the

The night of December 5, 1986 was bittersweet for the Marx Street Six. Before huge underdog Duane Thomas jumped for joy after taming 154-pound champion John "The Beast" Mugabi via third-round stoppage (left), Paul lost the lightweight title on points to underdog Greg Haugen (right).

gym.

"When Milton became champion in 1983, it was an incentive for all of us; we saw the goal was obtainable," says Paul, who eagerly joins the conversation.

Two years after McCrory's triumph, Paul won the IBF lightweight title by defeating Harry Arroyo.

Ironically, Paul's second-to-last bout, a title-fight loss to Greg Haugen in December 1986, came on the same card as Thomas' victory over Mugabi. Paul still lives with his family in the same Marx Street house he grew up in. He works in real estate and owns 24 rental houses. He'd like to start buying small commercial properties. His ultimate dream is to own an office or apartment building in downtown Detroit. But boxing has not totally left his system. Like the actor who can be coaxed from retirement with the right part, Paul says he might be motivated by a big fight. But for now, the fighter Steward described as "cautious" has no boxing plans.

"When you've been fighting for 16 years," Paul says, "your body needs time to rebuild itself.

Thomas and McCrory, who continues to dream of attaining a championship once more, playfully try to coax Paul out of retirement.

"You lost because you were too cautious; you thought too much before throwing a punch," McCrory says. Thomas agrees. Paul listens, his eyes focused on some faraway opponent from the past. McCrory stands up and begins to choreograph one of Paul's bouts. He holds his fists before his face, his head and body bobbing and weaving. He jabs the air with a series of punches. Paul's face erupts in a smile. Now all three pairs of eyes are shining brightly.

Longstreet, 25, who trains daily at the Kronk gym, is the next arrival. He was a five-time amateur titleholder and a promising lightweight, but he has never earned a title shot. He's not ready to give up, though he didn't always feel that way.

Longstreet relaxes in a lawn chair. His matching brown shirt and shorts pay tribute to no one. The conversation turns to one of the most devastating moments of his career, his 1989 unanimous decision loss to contender Darryl Tyson. After suffering his second loss earlier this year, he was ready to give up boxing.

"Milton invited me to visit him in Las Vegas," Longstreet says. "He knew I needed encouragement." The friends trained together at Johnny Tocco's gym, with McCrory suggesting that Longstreet begin working with weights and increase his pushups. The suggestions were heeded.

(From left) Jimmy Paul, Steve McCrory, and Longstreet pose before the familiar surroundings of one of Detroit's most prized possessions, the famed Kronk gym. Kronk leader Emanuel Steward, the mentor of the Marx Street Six, said of their remarkable success, "Their talent and dedication enabled them to win."

Steve "Bluesman" McCrory, 26, arrives. The 1984 Olympic flyweight gold medalist is resplendent in a multicolored jogging suit. Steward, and the five other boxers, agree that he is the most talented of the Marx Street Six. A Detroit sportswriter once called McCrory a "fistic virtuoso." But McCrory has had a disappointing career. In 1986, he was stopped by Jeff Fenech in his only world title opportunity. Now, after a brief hiatus, he has staged a comeback under new management. But the glory days seem irretrievable.

After a devastating loss in 1989, lightweight Stanley Longstreet's career was saved by stablemate and Marx Street neighbor Milton McCrory. "He knew I needed encouragement," Longstreet said.

McCrory sits next to Longstreet, who promptly begins to examine the haircut he gave him earlier in the day. Longstreet concludes that he could have cut a tad closer above McCrory's left ear. All in all, both are satisfied.

Steve McCrory leans back in the chair, smiling.

"These guys have always been there for me," he says. "In 1985, when I fought my first eight-round fight, they traveled all the way to Nevada to help me make the adjustment."

Danny Paul, 32, is the last of the Marx Street Six to arrive. Never a world titleholder, he was still world-class, ranked in the WBC and WBA welterweight top 10. Retired since 1980, he works in the housekeeping department of Detroit's Grace Hospital. Like his fellow boxers, Paul continues to run and work out at the gym. The oldest of the Marx Street Six, he rescued them from Detroit's transit system. At 16, he bought a car.

"I saved money for that car by working at a party store every day during the summer and on weekends during school," he recalled.

Their bonds unique, the Marx Street Six joke with each other and share stories as the day slips away. The world may be bigger than Marx Street, but not on this day. All six would agree: It's better than Christmas. ■

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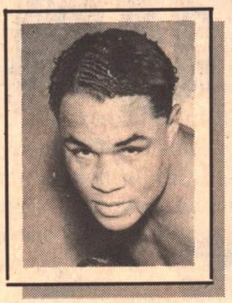
BATTLE OF THE LEGENDS

WELTERWEIGHTS

Henry Armstrong

Columbus, Mississippi
Career: 1931-1945
152-21-8 with 100 kayos

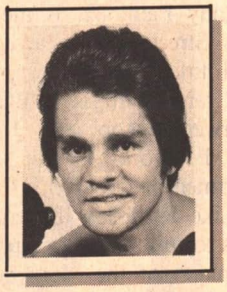


Armstrong was the personification of perpetual motion; his non-stop style earned him the nickname "Homicide Hank." He had an abnormal heartbeat that enabled him to fight at a furious pace for 15 rounds.

The only fighter to hold three titles simultaneously (featherweight, lightweight, and welterweight), Armstrong nearly won a fourth when he battled middleweight champion Ceferino Garcia to a 10-round draw in 1940. He stopped Petey Sarron in six rounds in October 1937 to win the featherweight title; eight months later, he beat welterweight champion Barney Ross—a two-division champion—into retirement over 15 brutal rounds (He successfully defended the 147-pound crown a record 19 times, 15 by kayo.); he added his third crown in August 1938, winning a 15-round decision over lightweight titlist Lou Ambers.

Roberto Duran

Guarare, Panama
Career: 1967-Present
85-8 with 60 kayos



Duran, inarguably the most famous Latin fighter ever, was a devastating bodypuncher and underrated boxer whose relentless style wore opponents down, and then out. He overwhelmed Ken Buchanan to win the WBA lightweight title via 13th-round TKO in June 1972, and successfully defended the title a record 12 times, 11 by kayo.

In June 1980, Duran decisioned WBC welterweight champion Sugar Ray Leonard over 15 brutal and intense rounds. Five months later, Duran's career as a welterweight ended when he quit in the eighth round of the Leonard rematch.

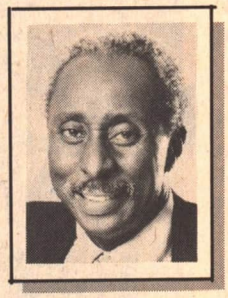
The Panamanian won the WBA junior middleweight title with an upset eighth-round kayo of Davey Moore in 1983, and added the WBC middleweight title with a thrilling 12-round split decision over Iran Barkley in February 1989.

Fight fans will forever debate the merits of champions from different ages. In "Battle Of The Legends," the editors of THE RING play matchmaker and pit two of the all-time greats against each other. Three experts serve as judges. If there are particular dream matches that you'd like to see featured, please write to us

Armstrong defeated great champions to win the three crowns he simultaneously held. He took the welterweight title by outpointing Barney Ross.

ART RUST JR.

It would be one hell of a fight. I see Armstrong boring in, forcing Duran to fight his fight over the first four rounds. But Duran would be prepared for this style, and around the fifth round, he'd take command with his superior boxing ability, using the ring to nullify Armstrong's potency on the inside.



Duran would out-think Armstrong. He was the *smarter* of the two. Roberto would move from side to side, giving him angles. That's how he'd handle the perpetual motion machine. Duran was one hell of a ring technician. He could not only fight on the inside, but on the outside as well. Armstrong couldn't fight that way. He had to get inside, and then he'd just bang away. And after a while, Duran, with his superior body strength, would be able to outmanuever Armstrong, even on the inside.

Armstrong was a hell of a fighter, but I don't think he could have taken Roberto Duran. The guy was just too strong, awfully strong. The Duran that beat Palomino and Leonard could have beaten anybody in any era. I see a close mill, as Nat Fleischer used to say, but Duran would win by decision.

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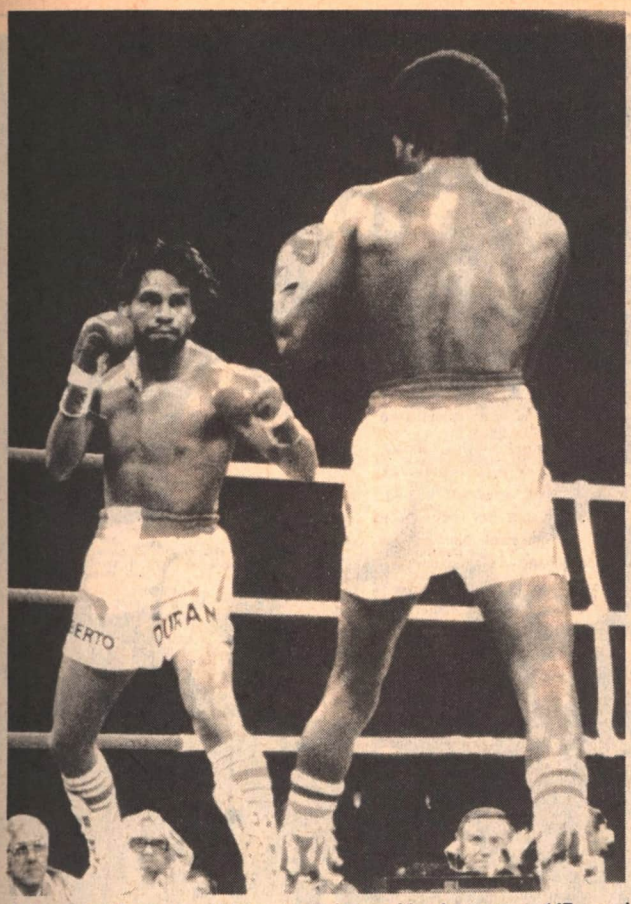
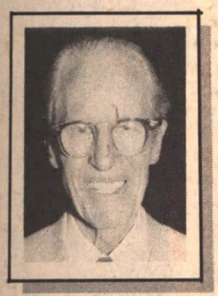


Perhaps Duran's most satisfying triumph was his victory over 147-pound champion Ray Leonard in Montreal. Duran combined skill and intensity.

In July 1940, welterweight champion Armstrong hammered reigning lightweight king Lew Jenkins to a sixth-round kayo defeat in a non-title fight.

DON DUNPHY

The comparison between these two is very interesting. Armstrong won his three titles when there was only one champion in each weight class. As a lightweight, I thought Duran was the greatest I ever saw. Armstrong was a ball of energy from start to finish; he was all heart. Punch for punch, Duran hit harder. Armstrong wore down his opposition, and his kayo record at welterweight is far better than Duran's.



Duran had only one style; he'd try to set Armstrong up for his right hand. He'd also be able to land his left hook to the body. Armstrong would be easy to hit, because he'd be coming into Duran. No question about that. With Armstrong forcing the fighting, I'm not sure that Duran could get his leverage. Duran would need room to punch, and Armstrong never gave anybody any room. He'd just lay right in there and start punching.

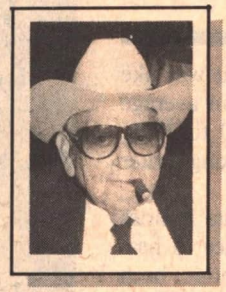
Armstrong gave Barney Ross such a beating that Barney quit boxing. I see Armstrong wearing Duran down and knocking him out with a good shot to the jaw in the fifth round.

Don Dunphy has called hundreds of title fights on radio and television over the past 50 years. He is recognized as "The Voice of Boxing."

MARTY COHEN

It would be a real pier-sixer. In their primes, both of these guys could absorb punches with the best of them.

Armstrong could only fight one way; he'd come at you and just whale away. He was a small Rocky Marciano. Duran was the same. They didn't know any other way. These two guys are so difficult to separate as far as ability, stamina, aggressiveness, and chin.



It would be a see-saw battle. I can see Armstrong in his first fight with Fritzie Zivic, when he lost the title by a decision that could have gone either way. Armstrong was winning after seven rounds, but Zivic came on to win the decision. Zivic didn't back Armstrong up, but he was just stronger at that time. Off that fight, I think Fritzie would have done better against Duran.

When he moved up in weight, Duran lost a little of what made him the greatest *lightweight* of all time. As a welterweight, Armstrong was a better fighter than Duran. At lightweight I'd pick Duran, but at welterweight, I think Armstrong would win a very close decision.

Marty Cohen has managed, trained, and promoted fighters for more than 70 years. He is the president of the Intercontinental Boxing Council.

The old-time fighter stares out from the yellowed, brittle newspaper photograph that dates back to 1937. His face is smooth and unmarked, not at all covered with the ridges of old scar tissue that would reveal how much he had endured throughout a career that spanned more than a quarter of a century.

Billy Bird never had a shot at the world welterweight title, but he will be remembered for having fought 318 bouts—more than any other fighter. Keep in mind that these were only the *recorded* fights. He often fought in two-bit arenas that hardly drew a crowd, much less a reporter. And during World War II, when newspapers in England were single sheets that seldom mentioned major boxing championships, fight results of journeymen like Bird went unreported. One can only guess how many times he actually fought.

"I Fought So Often That What Injuries I Sustained Never Had A Chance To Heal From Fight To Fight"

. . . Billy Bird, 1950

To give you an idea what it was like for the Englishman to fight an average of once a month, from 1920 to 1948, consider what Bird told a boxing writer before his death in 1951:

"I fought so often that what injuries I sustained never had a chance to heal from fight to fight. I might've been known for my defense, but there wasn't a day when I didn't hurt. Some mornings, I'd wake up with a dull ache in my kidneys after fighting a dirty fighter. Other times, my head throbbed if some bugger caught me with a hook. My arms constantly hurt from the blows I blocked. And I know

Facing page: Bird's record filled an entire page in Britain's *Boxing News* in 1948. Right: Bird as he looked in 1937, the year he had 24 fights.

BOXERS' RECORDS NO. 689.

BILLY BIRD

Welterweight
Born Chelsea, 1899.
Died February 6, 1951.

1920

Oct. 14.—Young Fagen W rsf 3 Blackfriars.
Nov. 3.—Sgt. Harnetley W ko 2 Fulham.

1921

Jan. 12.—Billy Quinn Drew 10 Fulham.
Jan. 18.—Sid George W rtd 3 Acton.
Feb. 25.—Mick Fiulio W pts 10 Fulham.
Mar. 5.—Moss Ruffell W rtd 4 Blackfriars.
Mar. 22.—Alf Mancini W pts 10 Fulham.
May 21.—Jim Green W rtd 8 Blackfriars.
May 31.—Corporal Atkins W ko 3 N.S.C.
June 11.—Jim Rowley W ko 2 Blackfriars.
June 13.—Dick Boland W ko 3 N.S.C.
July 15.—Tug Wilson W pts 10 Margate.
Aug. 6.—Joe Casbolt W pts 10 Blackfriars.
Sept. 8.—Johnny Kennedy W rsf 6 Blackfriars.
Sept. 15.—Tommy Morgan W pts 6 Blackfriars.
Sept. 22.—Tommy Phillips L pts 10 Blackfriars.
Oct. 19.—Joe Casbolt Drew 15 Camden Town.
Dec. 12.—Jimmy Green W pts 10 N.S.C.
Dec. 15.—Harry Rudge W pts 10 Shepherds Bush.

1922

Jan. 26.—Bob Jackson L rtd 11 Blackfriars.
Feb. 6.—Andrew Newton L pts 20 Fulham.
Feb. 17.—Tim Wilson W pts 10 Margate.
Mar. 9.—Jim King W rtd 8 Bow.
Mar. 13.—Fred Morrison L rtd 7 Plumstead.
Mar. 24.—Billy Quinn L pts 10 Hackney.
May 6.—Billy Quinn W pts 10 Blackfriars.
May 27.—Billy Duckworth W rtd 5 Blackfriars.
May 27.—Bert Davidson W rsf 7 Charlton.
June 5.—George Clements W pts 10 Charlton.
July 22.—Con Hollingsworth Drew 15 Stratford.
Aug. 20.—Billy Mack W pts 15 Hackney.
Aug. 24.—Seaman Bowles W rtd 5 Clapham.
Sept. 12.—Charlie Lane W pts 8 Blackfriars.
Sept. 12.—Andrew Newton L pts 4 Blackfriars.
Sept. 25.—Billy Duckworth W ko 4 Blackfriars.
Oct. 7.—Charlie Lane W rtd 7 Blackfriars.
Nov. 3.—Alf Wye W pts 15 Margate.
Nov. 6.—Ted Spiers W pts 10 Blackfriars.
Nov. 16.—Evan Williams L ko 11 Hoxton.
Dec. 3.—Jack Crawley W rtd 7 Hackney.

1923

Jan. 2.—Alf Wye Drew 10 N.S.C.
Jan. 3.—Alf Neale W pts 10 Fulham.
Jan. 15.—Jimmy Green W pts 15 Blackfriars.
Jan. 14.—Con Hollingsworth W pts 10 Hackney.
Jan. 25.—Ted Spiers W pts 10 Clapton.
Feb. 7.—Jimmy Green W pts 15 Lewisham.
Feb. 15.—Andrew Newton L pts 10 Albert Hall.
Mar. 9.—Len Collett Drew 10 Blackfriars.
Mar. 31.—Tommy Williams W rsf 8 Blackfriars.
Apl. 8.—Billy Quinn W rsf 6 Hackney.
May 12.—Corporal Downton L dis 6 Blackfriars.
May 28.—Bill Jones W rtd 5 Blackfriars.
July 30.—Tommy Williams W rsf 2 Blackfriars.
Aug. 2.—Billy Fry L rtd 5 Liverpool.
Aug. 30.—Charlie Evans W pts 15 Blackfriars.
Sept. 15.—George Carney L ko 7 Blackfriars.
Oct. 22.—Ivor Lewis W rtd 6 N.S.C.
Dec. 22.—Bob Saddler W pts 10 Northampton.

1924

Jan. 7.—Billy Quinn W pts 15 Hoxton.
Jan. 28.—Andrew Newton Drew 20 Kensington.
Feb. 13.—Harry Roose W rtd 11 Waltham Abbey.
Feb. 15.—Charlie Laing W pts 15 Battersea.
Feb. 26.—Patsy Coram W rtd 10 Shepherds Bush.
Mar. 8.—Albert Johnson L pts 15 Sunderland.
May 29.—Albert Quinn W rsf 4 Blackfriars.
June 8.—Chris Gorman W ko 2 Hackney.
June 28.—Charlie Evans W rtd 4 Blackfriars.
July 19.—Sam Steward W rsf 10 Blackfriars.
Aug. 7.—Willie Souw W rsf 4 Blackfriars.
Sept. 8.—Bill Blake W rsf 1 Blackfriars.
Sept. 22.—Albert Johnson L pts 15 Coventry.
Sept. 25.—Young Mars W rsf 6 Blackfriars.
Nov. 5.—Mike Honeyman L pts 20 Fulham.
Nov. 21.—Luther Thomas W pts 15 Margate.
Nov. 29.—Frank Lane L rtd 6 Blackfriars.
Dec. 1.—Bert Brown W pts 10 N.S.C.

1925

Jan. 12.—Bob Bates W pts 10 N.S.C.
Jan. 25.—Arthur Tyrell W pts 12 Hackney.
Feb. 16.—Frankie Brown [illegible] 15 Bow.
Feb 17.—Len Butts [illegible] Shepherds Bush.
Mar. 9.—Jim Lavin [illegible] Centry.
Mar. 11.—Mike Hone[illegible] 15 East Ham.
Mar. 16.—Reggie Casw[illegible] 6 Blackfriars.
Mar. 23.—Tom Humphries W pts 15 Bow.
Apl. 14.—Billy Gilmore W pts 15 Belfast.
Apl. 19.—Harry Byford W pts 15 Walthamstow.
May 25.—Luther Thomas W rtd 3 Canning Town.
June 24.—Mike Honeyman W rtd 7 Brighton.
July 2.—Farmer Jackson W ko 8 Liverpool.
July 13.—Harry Byford W pts 15 Edmonton.

THE AMAZING RECORD OF BILLY BIRD

IN a punch-packed career spanning 28 years, Chelsea welterweight favourite Billy Bird had no fewer than 318 contests. We print his amazing record in this Christmas issue as a reminder to those who think boxers of today are overworked!

July 26.—Mickey Marks W rsf 6 Premierland.
July 30.—Kid Jackson W dis 5 Liverpool.
Sept. 28.—Arthur Tyrell W pts 15 Greenwich.
Oct. 28.—Harry Byford W rsf 2 East Ham.
Nov. 4.—Frank Lane W pts 15 Fulham.
Nov. 6—Steve Mayhew W rtd 2 Ipswich.

1926

Jan. 6.—Ernie Rice L rsf 2 Fulham.
Jan. 13.—George Carney W ko 4 Hoxton.
Feb. 1.—Laurie Raiteri W pts 15 Greenwich.
Feb. 2.—Len Harvey L ko 7 Shepherds Bush.
Feb. 24.—Battling Van Dam W rsf 2 Fulham.
Mar. 1.—Fernaund Blampoin W pts 15 Nottingham.
Mar. 2.—Frankie Brown Dne 13 Shepherds Bush.
May 17.—Joe Woolford W ko 7 Edmonton.
May 31.—Sid Butler W ko 2 Edmonton.
June 14.—Frankie Brown W pts 12 Holland Park.
July 5.—Laurie Raiteri W pts 15 Edmonton.
July 26.—Laurie Raiteri W rsf 11 Edmonton.
Aug. 16.—Francois Rabosse W pts 15 Edmonton.
Aug. 30.—Seaman Hardy L dis 8 Edmonton.
Sept. 13.—Jack Josephs W rtd 4 Edmonton.
Sept. 23.—Ted Marchant W dis 10 Blackfriars.

BILLY BIRD

Oct. 11.—Raymond Porcher W pts 15 Edmonton.
Oct. 26.—Guardsman Lewis W ko 3 Edmonton.
Oct. 28.—Teddy Morrison W pts 15 Blackfriars.
Nov. 25.—Andre Germain W rtd 11 Blackfriars.
Dec 6.—Albert Johnson W ko 11 Edmonton.
Dec. 13.—Leon Darton W pts 15 N.S.C.
Dec. 26.—Teddy Morrison W rsf 6 Blackfriars.

1927

Jan. 6.—Raymond Porcher W rtd 12 Blackfriars.
Jan. 17.—Frankie Brown Dne 12 N.S.C.
Feb. 7.—Fred Smith W rtd 3 Greenwich.
Feb. 21.—Louis Kessler W pts 15 Edmonton.
Feb. 27.—George Pomphrey W ko 2 Hackney.
Mar. 11.—Laurie Guard W rsf 5 Fulham.
Mar. 21.—Louis Kessler W pts 15 Edmonton.
June 13.—Jan Gavolda L pts 15 Edmonton.
Aug. 11.—Hans Relcke W rtd 11 Ilford.
Aug. 14.—Jack Griffiths W rtd 5 Blackfriars.
Sept. 5.—Harry Lem W rtd 7 Blackfriars.
Sept. 18.—Sid Breeze W rsf 8 Hackney.
Oct. 2.—Frank Baldwin L dis 13 Hackney.
Oct. 13.—Frankie Paul W rsf 12 Blackfriars.
Oct. 30.—Leon Darton W pts 15 Blackfriars.
Nov. 20.—Alf Ross W pts 15 Blackfriars.
Dec. 4.—Francois Genon W ko 12 Blackfriars.

1928

Jan. 2.—Alf Mancini L rsf 1 Blackfriars.
Jan. 29.—Bill Thomas W rsf 4 Blackfriars.
Feb. 19.—Camille Desmet W pts 15 Blackfriars.
Mar. 4.—Harry Mason L pts 15 Premierland.
Apl. 1.—Dixie Brown W pts 15 Blackfriars.
Apl. 15.—Huib Hulzenaar W ko 6 Blackfriars.
May 7.—Louis Kessler W pts 15 Blackfriars.
June 11.—Otto Laver W rtd 11 Blackfriars.
July 2.—Hans Holdt W rsf 8 Blackfriars.
Aug. 25.—Roy Martin L pts 15 Blackfriars.
Sept. 30.—Roy Martin Drew 15 Blackfriars.
Oct. Joe Rolph L pts 10 Antwerp.
Nov. 4.—Eugene Henderson W rtd 7 Blackfriars.
Nov. 6.—Harry Lem W pts 15 Fulham.
Dec. ? ?—Mario Bosisio L pts 10 Milan

1929

Jan. 28.—Joe Rolphe W pts 15 Blackfriars.
Feb. 21.—Jack Haynes W pts 6 Crystal Palace.
Mar. 18.—Francois Genon W rtd 10 Blackfriars.
Apl. 15.—Carlos Galbusara W dis 8 Blackfriars.
May 13.—Billy Green W rsf 4 Blackfriars.
June 21.—Archie Sexton L rsf 7 Clapton.
Sept. 2.—Harry Benton W rtd 8 Blackfriars.
Sept. 30.—Leo Wax W pts 15 Blackfriars.
Nov. 4.—Chris Gorman W rsf 5 Blackfriars.
Nov. 18.—Andrew Mouka W rtd 10 Blackfriars.
Nov. 27.—Tommy O'Neill W rtd 3 Shepherds Bush.
Dec. 16.—Joe Rolph W dis 5 Blackfriars

1930

Jan. 13.—Ivor Davies W rtd 10 Blackfriars.
Jan. 26.—Alec Thake W rtd 12 Fulham.
Feb. 22.—Jack Casey L pts 15 Sunderland.
Feb. 24.—Jack Griffiths W ko 9 Blackfriars.
Mar. 23.—Harry Jennings W rtd 6 Kilburn.
Mar. 31.—Ocky Davies W rsf 12 Blackfriars.
Apl. 28.—Arthur Rees W ko 10 Blackfriars.
May 26.—Alec Thake W pts 15 Blackfriars.
July 27.—Haydn Williams L pts 15 Edmonton.
Oct. 27.—Camille Desmet Drew 15 Shepherds Bush.

1931

Jan. 5.—Phil Green W pts 15 Edmonton.
Jan. 19.—George Rose L pts 15 Edmonton.
Feb. 8.—Bill Webster Drew 15 Kilburn.
Feb. 22.—Bill Webster W rsf 2 Kilburn.
Mar. 15.—Alec Thake W rtd 14 Kilburn.
Mar. 29.—George Rose L pts 15 Kilburn.
Apl. 22.—Alf Mancini W rsf 6 Albert Hall.
May 3.—Arthur Unwin W rtd 3 Kilburn.
July 29.—Camille Desmet L pts 10 Charleroi.
Oct. 30.—Ernie Clancy W rtd 4 Bloomsbury.
Nov. 16.—Teddy Welsh W pts 15 Edmonton.
Dec. 14.—Rene Evans W pts 15 Edmonton.

1932

Feb. 3.—Fred Webster L pts 15 Paddington.
Feb. 15.—Ashton Jones W pts 15 Edmonton.
Feb. 22.—Teddy Boyd W pts 15 Shepherds Bush.
Mar. 3.—Jack Forster W pts 10 Norwich.
Mar. 7.—George Spiers W pts 15 Edmonton.
Mar. 15.—Seaman Froggatt W rtd 6 Blackfriars.
Mar. 17.—George Newton W rtd 7 Norwich.
Mar. 23.—Albert Johnson W ko 4 Ipswich.
Apl. 18.—Harry Mason L pts 15 Blackfriars.
May 1.—Ashton Jones W rsf 11 Blackfriars.
May 23.—Del Fontaine L ko 3 Blackfriars.
May 30.—Arthur Unwin W ko 1 White City.
June 20.—Jack Lord L pts 15 Edmonton.
Aug. 18.—Mick Gavin W rtd 4 Alexandra Palace.
Sept. 15.—Willie Duncan W rsf 9 Ilford.
Sept. 26.—Alf Newbiggin W rtd 5 Holborn.
Oct. 6.—Fred Turpin W rtd 10 Ilford.
Oct. 27.—Jack Lewis W ko 2 Bournemouth.
Nov. 7.—Bert Tubbs W rtd 8 Plymouth.
Nov. 10.—Jack Forster L rtd 7 Norwich.
Nov. 14.—Fred Webster L pts 12 Paddington.
Dec. 1.—Seaman White W pts 15 East Ham.
Dec. 11.—Fred Webster L pts 15 Blackfriars.
Dec. 13.—Willie Duncan W ko 6 Bournemouth.

1933

Feb. 16.—Fred Smith W pts 15 East Ham.
Feb. 20.—Wal Disney L pts 15 Edmonton.
Mar. 15.—Wal Disney W pts 15 Paddington.
Apl. 27.—Moe Moss W pts 8 Albert Hall.
Apl. 30.—Harry Mason L pts 15 Mile End.
July 1.—Herbie Fraser W rsf 9 Shepherds
Oct. 2.—Jack Collins W rsf 3 Edmonton.
Oct. 16.—Pat Haley W rsf 9 Edmonton.
Oct. 26.—Arthur Unwin W rtd 7 Bethnal Green.
Oct. 29.—Tom Curran W pts 12 Euston.
Nov. 27.—Fred Bloomfield W pts 15 Paddington.
Dec. 13.—Dai Beynon W rsf 6 Ipswich.
Dec. 14.—Billy Barr W pts 15 East Ham.

1934

Jan. 29.—Fred Oldfield W rtd 10 Paddington.
Mar. 19.—George Purchase W pts 8 Albert Hall.
Apl. 8.—Eric Roderick W dis 9 Blackfriars.
May 6.—Seaman Wakeling L pts 10 Blackfriars.
May 13.—Fred Bloomfield W pts 12 Kilburn.
May 19.—Billy Barr W pts 12 Luton.
July 11.—Seaman Ewin W ko 2 Wandsworth.
Aug. 8.—Alf Newbiggin W pts 6 Wandsworth.
Aug. 9.—Al Bowden W ko 5 Bethnal Green.
Aug. 30.—Charlie Baxter L pts 10 Wimbledon.
Sept. 6.—Chris Dawson Drew 8 Wandsworth.
Oct. 16.—Johnny Quill Drew 12 Holborn. (S. Area Welterweight Title, Eliminator)
Oct. 22.—Chuck Parker Drew 12 Rushden.
Nov. 5.—Dollar Smith W rsf 9 Shepherds Bush.
Nov. 19.—Jack Moody W rtd 4 Cheltenham.
Dec. 3.—Johnny Quill L pts 12 Holborn. Area Welterweight Title, Eliminator)
Dec. 16.—Paul Schaeffer L ko 3 Whitechapel.

1935

Jan. 10.—Al O'Brien W ko 1 Hammersmith.
Feb. 4.—Clarence Barton W ko 7 Birmingham.
Feb. 11.—Dixie Cullen W rtd 8 Shepherds Bush.
Mar. 3.—Dave McCleave L pts 10 Blackfriars.
Mar. 28.—Seaman Jim Lawlor W pts 12 Norwich.
Apl. 15.—Seaman Jim Lawlor L pts 12 Shepherds Bush.
Apl. 18.—Ginger Sadd L pts 12 Norwich.
June 30.—George Bcnter L rtd 7 Mile End.
Oct. 7.—Jack Lewis W pts 12 Hammersmith.
Oct. 16.—George Davis L pts 12 Shepherds Bush.
Oct. 21.—Ginger Sadd L pts 12 Gt. Yarmouth.
Oct. 30.—George Day W rsf 6 Shepherds Bush.
Dec. 30.—Johnny Rust Drew 12 Mitcham.

1936

May 18.—Jack Lewis Drew 12 Deptford.
Nov. 29.—Billy Gobel W rtd 6 Hammersmith.
Dec 15.—Herbie Spencer W rsf 6 Hammersmith.

1937

Jan. 7.—Seaman Christie W rsf 8 East Ham.
Jan. 11.—Haydn Williams W pts 12 Hammersmith.
Jan. 25.—Jack Lewis W pts 12 Hammersmith.
Jan. 27.—Ted Denner W ko 5 Folkestone.
Feb. 1.—Jack Roberts W pts 12 Walthamstow.
Feb. 3.—Sid Ireland L pts 12 Bournemouth.
Feb. 7.—Jack McKnight W pts 12 Hammersmith.
Feb. 22.—Jack Lewis L pts 12 Edmonton.
Mar. 1.—Jack Ellis W pts 12 Walthamstow.
Mar. 22.—Fred Ireland W rtd 8 Coventry.
Mar. 31.—Pat Haley W pts 12 Bournemouth.
Apl. 5.—Fred Taylor W ko 1 Earls Court.
Apl. 11.—Paddy Roche W pts 12 Blackfriars.
Apl. 26.—Jim Greaves W pts 12 Walthamstow.
May 2.—Ted Barter W pts 12 Blackfriars.
May 5.—Jack McKnight W pts 12 Bournemouth.
May 26.—Ted Barter W pts 12 Gravesend.
June 21.—George Davis L pts 10 Wandsworth.
July 3.—Len Wickwar W pts 12 Ipswich.
Oct. 18.—Fred Clements W pts 10 Bristol.
Oct. 25.—Jack Milburn W pts 12 Walthamstow.
Nov. 17.—Jack Moody W pts 12 Bournemouth.
Nov. 22.—Ben Smith W rtd 6 Walthamstow.
Dec. 19.—Dick Stubbings W pts 12 Hammersmith.

1938

Jan. 17.—Ted Barter W rsf 8 Walthamstow.
Jan. 25.—Fred Clements L dis 5 Hammersmith.
Feb. 7.—Fred Clements W rtd 4 Earls Court.
Feb. 14.—George Bunter W pts 12 Paddington.
Feb. 21.—Paddy Roche Drew 8 Earls Court.
Feb. 28.—Mick Miller W ko 5 Paddington.
Mar. 6.—Les Woodley W ko 7 Hammersmith.
Mar. 14.—Ted Barter W rsf 7 Earls Court.
Mar. 20.—Paddy Roche W rtd 7 Blackfriars.
Mar. 28.—Jim Greaves W pts 10 Coventry.
July 1.—Fred Clements W rtd 7 Ipswich.
Oct. 17.—Johnny Blake L pts 8 Earls Court.
Nov. 24.—Pat Cassidy Drew 12 Paddington.

1939

Jan. 8.—Johnny Hughes W ko 3 Blackfriars.
Jan. 22.—Bill Clements W rtd 7 Blackfriars.
Feb. 5.—Joe Kelt W rsf 7 Blackfriars.
Feb. 12.—Pat Cassidy W pts 12 Kilburn.
Feb. 19.—Pat Cassidy Drew 8 Blackfriars.
Mar. 6.—Griff Lewis W dis 9 Plumstead.
Mar. 12.—George Bunter L rsf 7 Blackfriars.
Apl. 3.—Stan Anderson W pts 12 Plumstead.
Apl. 16.—Pat Cassidy W rsf 7 Blackfriars.
June 5.—Jack Milburn W rsf 4 Holborn.
July 3.—Ted Barter L rsf 9 Holborn.
Aug. 14.—Tommy Jones L ko 3 Plymouth.

1940

Jan. 15.—George Merritt W pts 10 Southampton.
Feb. 28.—Sid Wicks W pts 10 Watford.
Mar. 7.—Tommy Enoch W pts 8 Hackney.
Apl. 15.—Bert Bevan W pts 12 Holborn.
Apl. 17.—George Odwell L ko 2 Holborn.
May 5.—Bert Francis W rsf 6 Hammersmith.
Aug. 10.—Johnny Blake Drew 8 Fulham.

1941

July 5.—Ginger Sadd L rsf 2 Northampton.
July 9.—Joe Kelt W pts 10 Watford.
Aug. 4.—Ted Barter W pts 10 Bridgwater.
Dec. 1.—Joe Marsh L pts 6 Marylebone.
Dec. 7.—Harry Watson L pts 8 Stoke Newington.

1942

Feb. 15.—Billy Hawkins W pts 6 Stoke Newington.

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Feb. 11.—Wal Dearing L pts 8 Shepherds Bush.
Inactive during 1944/5/6/7.

1948

Mar. 19.—Joe Fitzsimmons W pts 4 Roehampton

Bird wears his London bus conductor's uniform. Punching tickets, he was known as "The Fighting Bus Conductor."

on more than one occasion, I fought with broken bones in my wrist. But it seemed as soon as I finished one fight, I was off to another."

Ron Olver, who has covered the British boxing scene longer than he cares to divulge, referred to Bird as "a typical journeyman fighter, a true pro." He explained that in Bird's day, English boxers were all looking to make extra money to support their families. Jobs were scarce and fighters like Bird would, at times, fight two or three times a week. In fact, Bird once fought seven times for a total of 73 rounds in one month. Other iron-man stints included five bouts in 23 days for a total of 55 rounds, and five times in 19 days for 42 rounds. On eight occasions, he fought two consecutive days, and once he fought twice on the same night.

"Because it was difficult making a living back then," Olver said, "you'd go to a fight and see as many as 20 men lined up outside the hall. And they weren't waiting to buy tickets. These fellows were there to put on the gloves if another fighter didn't show, and Billy Bird was one of them."

Although Bird went on to become boxing's most prolific fighter, he never developed a power punch. And because of that, he never became a great fighter.

"He was a good fighter, though," Olver said. "In those days, you wouldn't hear about a fighter unless he was good. Today, with all the titles available, I think he'd be a champion of something."

Although Bird never brought a sense of excitement to the arena, ringsiders appreciated his defensive skills. His ability to avoid punches allowed him to go to work the next morning at the London General Omnibus Company without any surface wounds.

There was no reason to believe Bird would have ever become a professional boxer. He had fought as an amateur before a stint as an infantryman in World War I, but the Great War stripped away any desire he had for further violence.

"I came home and became a bus conductor," he said. "Collecting fares and churning out receipt tickets was an honest living, and I was engaged to be married. What more could anyone ask for?"

But soon his financial responsibilities demanded that he make more money, and his older brother Sonny, a professional lightweight, suggested he turn pro.

"Remember my 15th birthday, when you first boxed?" Sonny said. "You were pretty good right off."

Billy Bird smiled at the memory. He could never forget that day in 1910, at his family's home in the Chelsea section of London. His father, George, a piano tuner by day and a bar brawler by night, saw in Sonny an aptitude for fighting that he wanted to encourage. So he gave him a new pair of boxing gloves as a birthday present. Sonny pushed each hand into the gloves' leather mouths, and made a pair of fists. All he needed was an opponent.

"Hey, Mum," he shouted across the backyard, "tell Billy to come out."

His mother turned to her younger son, who was doing homework.

"Go play with your brother," she said. "It's better than reading."

Only 11, Billy knew a good thing when he heard it. He dropped his books and ran outside.

"Get my old boxing gloves," his father ordered.

When Billy returned, his mother helped him put on the gloves, and she watched as her sons sparred. They fought carefully for a minute before Sonny, a much bigger boy, lost patience and fired a roundhouse right. Billy ducked, and then sidestepped a few more punches. By the end of four rounds, Sonny was sucking in deep puffs of air, and Billy was declared the winner on points by Mr. Bird.

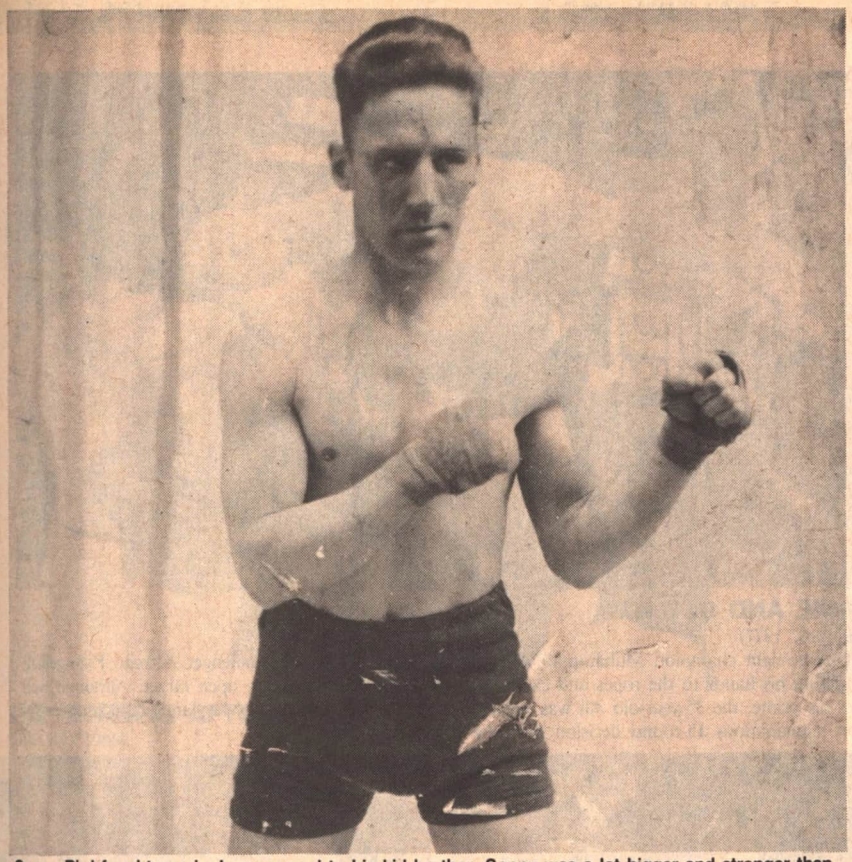
Billy enjoyed a respectable amateur career, and years later, Sonny convinced him to fight for money.

"Look," he said, "you'll fight a couple of rounds and make a few quid. And if the missus says anything, just buy her a dress. That'll shut her up."

Billy agreed to turn pro, and Sonny introduced him to Darkie Williams, a local trainer. Williams was impressed with the 20-year-old fighter, who had a crisp, economical style that emphasized defense. Williams rid him of his amateurish tendencies, then turned him pro. Bird won his first 15 fights.

Although a full-fledged professional

Despite his fight schedule, Bird's face bore few scars of battle when this picture was taken in 1943.



Sonny Bird fought sparingly compared to his kid brother. Sonny was a lot bigger and stronger than Billy, and he always insisted, "If Billy had my punch, he would have been a great champion."

boxer, Bird kept his job with the bus company. The running joke was that he punched tickets by day and noses by night.

But his was a tough existence because there were no fight contracts back then. A fighter would receive a card from a matchmaker that would plainly state "you are fighting 10 rounds next Monday." Period. A fighter either showed up or was replaced by an eager substitute.

Although England had more than 2,000 pro fighters at the time, Olver recalls that there were never enough class fighters to satisfy the fans. So when quality like Billy Bird came along, someone who could take punishment as well as give it, matchmakers booked him for as many fights as he could physically withstand.

Judging from his record, he never turned down a fight. He even fought twice on May 27, 1922, in two different fight halls. After taking Bert Davidson in seven rounds at the Charlton Arena, Bird dressed, then joined family and friends at a fish 'n' chips joint.

Halfway through tea, Bird was spotted by a London promoter who was walking past the restaurant.

"Bird, me boy," he said, "how would you like to have another go at it this evening?"

Bird wiped his greasy mouth with his forefinger, picked up his gym bag, and headed over to Blackfriar's Ring, where he stopped Billy Duckworth in five rounds. He never gave the second fight a second thought; the equivalent of $25 was good money back then.

He maintained such a frantic schedule year after year, but it wasn't until January 2, 1928, when the major promoters in London gave him a chance to fight a contender, Alf Mancini. The stakes were simple: If Bird won, he would secure a rating.

Mancini, who was noted for a vicious left hook, tore out from his corner at the opening bell and dug a blow to the body. Bird winced. Mancini followed with another hook that twisted to the chin. Bird fell backward into the ropes before dropping to the floor. He rose at the count of seven and fought grimly after that.

Dazed, he tried to gather his strength. But he was knocked down two more times before the referee stopped the bout.

Bird never won any of his important bouts, which is why his name is not associated with title shots or big-money fights.

"He was a good old fiddler, as we like to say," said venerable British boxing writer Reg Gutteridge. "He just wasn't good enough to beat the more talented lads of his time."

As Sonny Bird said, "If Billy had my punch, or I had his defensive talent, the Bird family could have produced a great champion."

Although he was still fighting in 1939, Billy Bird was considered too old to serve in World War II. He worked as a senior boxing instructor with the London Police, and with his earnings from teaching and occasional fights, and the dollars saved during his days as a bus conductor, he purchased a taxi and went into business for himself.

All the time spent standing in the bus aisles had served to strengthen Bird's legs. But after driving the taxi upward of 10 hours a day, those legs began to tighten up. So, for the first time since his amateur days, he joined a gym.

After his mid-day workouts, he would cruise the streets of London looking for fares, and at night drive to whatever hall he was scheduled to fight at. He would fight, shower, and dress, and then return to the taxi.

"I'd rush out to pick up people as they came out of the fight hall," he said. "And, you know, I was never recognized even once!"

Bird fought infrequently during the war years. After all, London, a city crumbled—but not humbled—by nightly air attacks, was under seige by Germany. It was a time to survive, not to box. Bird and his family would leave their home at dusk and huddle in the nearest underground to escape the attacks.

When the war ended in 1945, Bird had been out of the fight game for two years. But he fought one last time, on March 19, 1948, facing Joe Fitzsimmons at a charity show for the entertainment of wounded ex-servicemen. No sooner had Bird climbed out of the ring with a points win than he turned to Sonny and said, "Did you see that kid beat me to the punch with his left lead? It's time I packed it up."

The next day Bird turned in his license to the British Boxing Board of Control. For the next three years, he worked tirelessly on behalf of active fighters in an effort to improve their purses and working conditions. But before his work was rewarded, he died of a rare blood disease, in February 1951.

"Yet people still talk about him in the pubs when the conversation turns to the tough old nuts of boxing," said Olver. "Yes, Billy Bird may be dead for 40 years now, but his name lives on." ■

The RING

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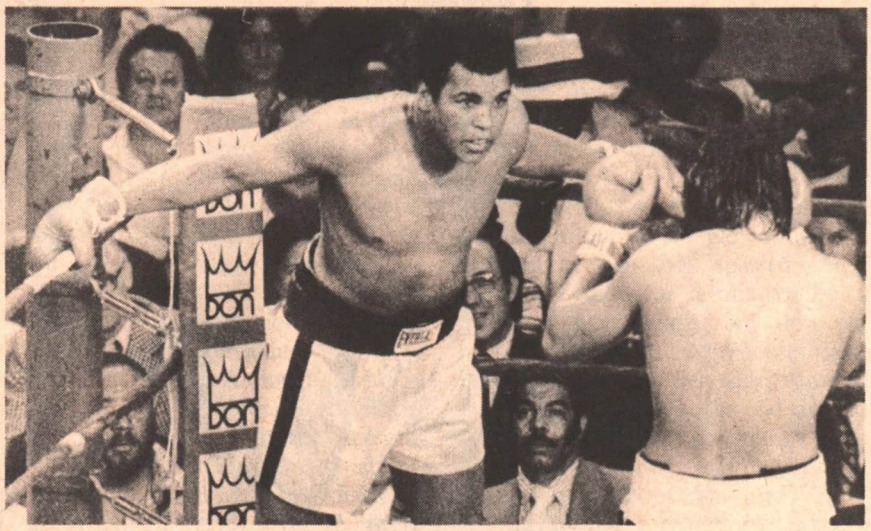
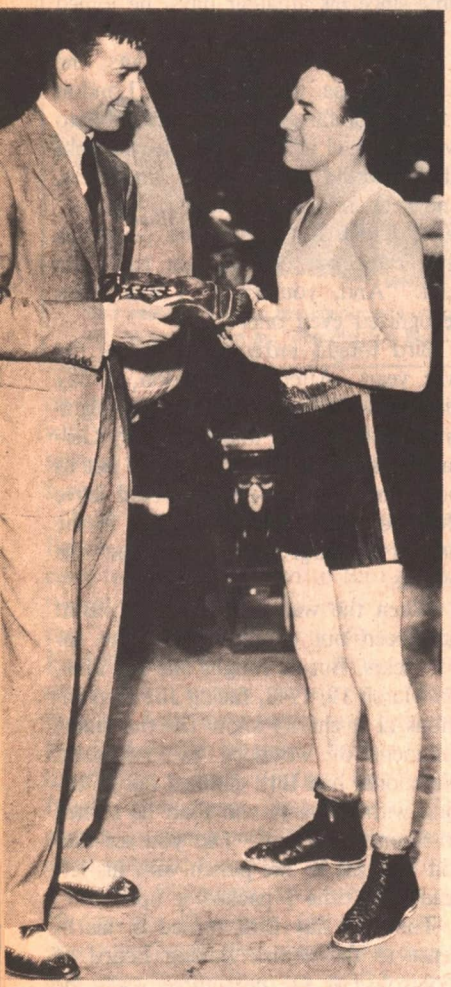


COME AND GET IT!

(May 16, 1977)

Heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali taunts thoroughly baffled challenger Alfredo Evangelista by gluing his hands to the ropes and exposing his unprotected face as an open target. Although well past his prime, the 35-year-old Ali was surprisingly fit for the Landover, Maryland, bout, and easily won a unanimous 15-round decision over the rugged Spaniard.

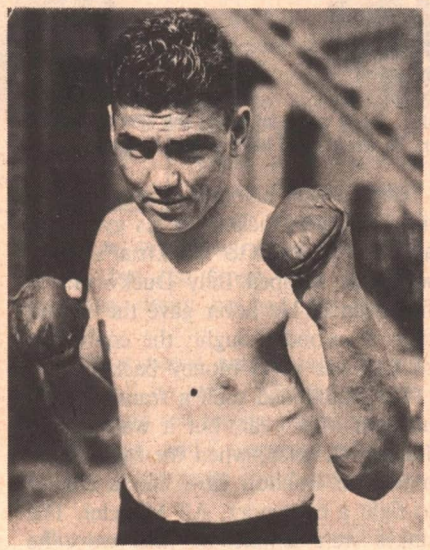


LOTS OF LUCK

(May 19, 1933)

World-famous movie star Clark Gable visits the training camp of Jimmy McLarnin, the world's hardest-punching welterweight, to wish Jimmy the best of "Irish" luck in his upcoming title fight against welterweight champ Young Corbett III, scheduled in Los Angeles on May 29.

Movie star Gable's salutations paid off; puncher McLarnin flattened Corbett in the first round to become the new champion in one of the shortest title-winning fights in history.

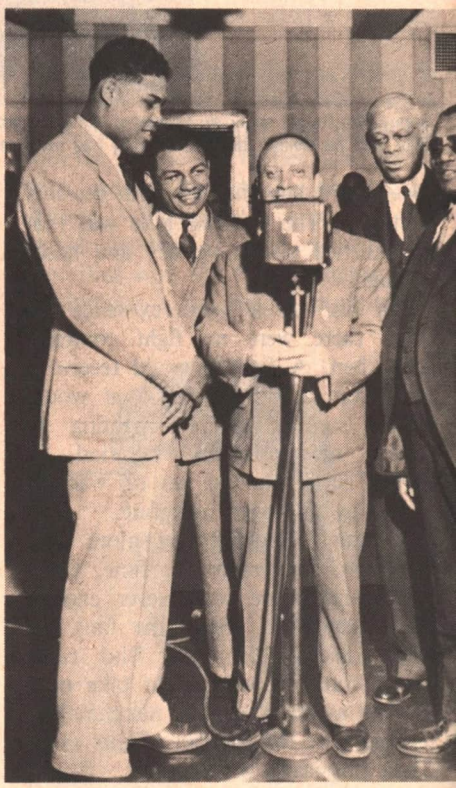


GLOVES! WHAT GLOVES?

(Circa 1916)

Twenty-one-year-old Jack Dempsey in one of his earliest pictures, taken at Provo, Utah. In his third year as a professional fighter, Jack was training for a bout with a guy named Cyril Koehn, whom he would flatten in the fourth round. These were lean days for the champion-to-be, as clearly evidenced by the remnants of what once were the punching bag gloves he wears over his fists. Those glove remnants are also grim proof of Jack's devastating power.

When *The Ring* Associate Editor Dan Daniel showed the picture to Dempsey in 1954, he asked about the gloves. The old "Manassa Mauler" fondly recalled: "I couldn't afford to throw anything away in those days. Not even what was left of those gloves. So when the bottom parts were just too ragged to strap around my hands, I cut the bottoms off and used what was left to protect my knuckles. It worked pretty good. And this you won't believe," Jack added with a broad grin. "Somebody stole them from me. Yeah, I guess the thief was more broke than me."



WELCOME TO NEW YORK, JOE

(June 18, 1935)

The Ring Publisher Nat Fleischer officially welcomes young heavyweight sensation Joe Louis to New York. This was Louis' first public appearance in the Big Apple, where he was scheduled to face former heavyweight champion Primo Carnera in his New York debut the next week. On hand to join in the welcome, broadcast on Fleischer's weekly WNEW radio program, are a group of boxing immortals (left to right): Louis, Tony Canzoneri, Fleischer, Jack Blackburn, and Sam Langford. Blackburn, Joe's trainer and mentor, was one of the world's best welterweights in the early-1900s.

THE MORNING AFTER

(June 11, 1946)

Tony Zale waves fistfuls of congratulatory telegrams less than 24 hours after regaining the world middleweight title from Rocky Graziano in Newark, New Jersey. A heavy underdog, the 34-year-old Zale overwhelmed the 25-year-old defending champ before knocking him out in the third round. This was the rubber and final match between the pair; Tony had kayoed Rocky in six rounds in 1946, and Rocky had kayoed Tony in six rounds in 1947.

Said the jubilant Zale after this picture was taken: "The next time I meet Rocky, it's gonna be at a testimonial dinner." And it was.

PATCHWORK

(March 17, 1947)

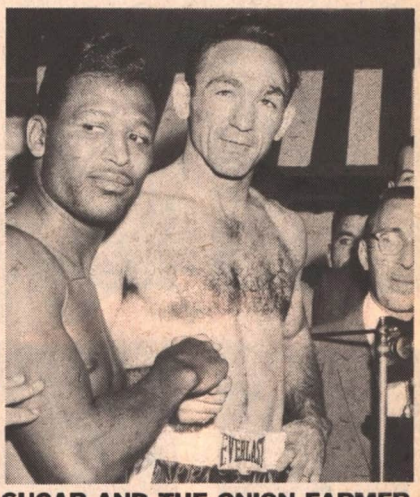
Tami Mauriello controls his anguish as Dr. Vincent Nardiello gracefully implants the painful and final 37th stitch into his right brow. The extensive damage to Tami's handsome countenance was administered by bullish Brighton, Massachusetts, journeyman slugger Johnny Shkor at Boston Arena the night before.

When the referee awarded an eighth-round TKO to Shkor, it was a devastating blow to Mauriello's aspirations for another shot at Joe Louis' heavyweight crown. Tami bitterly insisted that he had been butted repeatedly, that the open wounds in his face were the result of intentional fouls and not from legal punches. Bottom line: The loss spelled a finish to the career of one of the most courageous of professional prize fighters. Mauriello had overcome a birth-paralysis in his right leg to come within a fraction of an inch of winning the heavyweight title.

WITH TENDER, LOVING CARE

(March 31, 1957)

World middleweight champion Gene Fullmer watches intently as kid brother Jay carefully bandages his hands before a sparring session at the titlist's Grossinger's training camp in New York's Catskill Mountains. Two months earlier, on January 2, Gene astonished the world by stripping the great Ray Robinson of the middleweight crown. Fullmer was scheduled to defend the title in a return bout with Sugar Ray in Chicago in early-May. Oh, yes, brother Jay was to appear in a preliminary bout that night, so he was also in training. But would Gene bandage Jay's hands? Hardly.



SUGAR AND THE ONION FARMER

(September 23, 1957)

World middleweight champion Ray Robinson and world welterweight champion Carmen Basilio weigh in for a bout in which Sugar Ray's crown will be at stake. The 36-year-old Robinson has been a pro for 17 years, having won his first title (welterweight) 11 years ago. The 30-year-old Basilio has been a pro for nine years and welterweight king for two.

Carmen was asked if he would return to welterweight if he lost to the Sugarman. "Maybe," he said. "But don't forget, I was growing onions long before I was a fighter. I'm a farmer at heart."

The farmer didn't have to make the decision. In a startling upset, he decisioned Robinson in 15 brutal rounds.

APPETITE

IT MADE BUSTER A CHUMP

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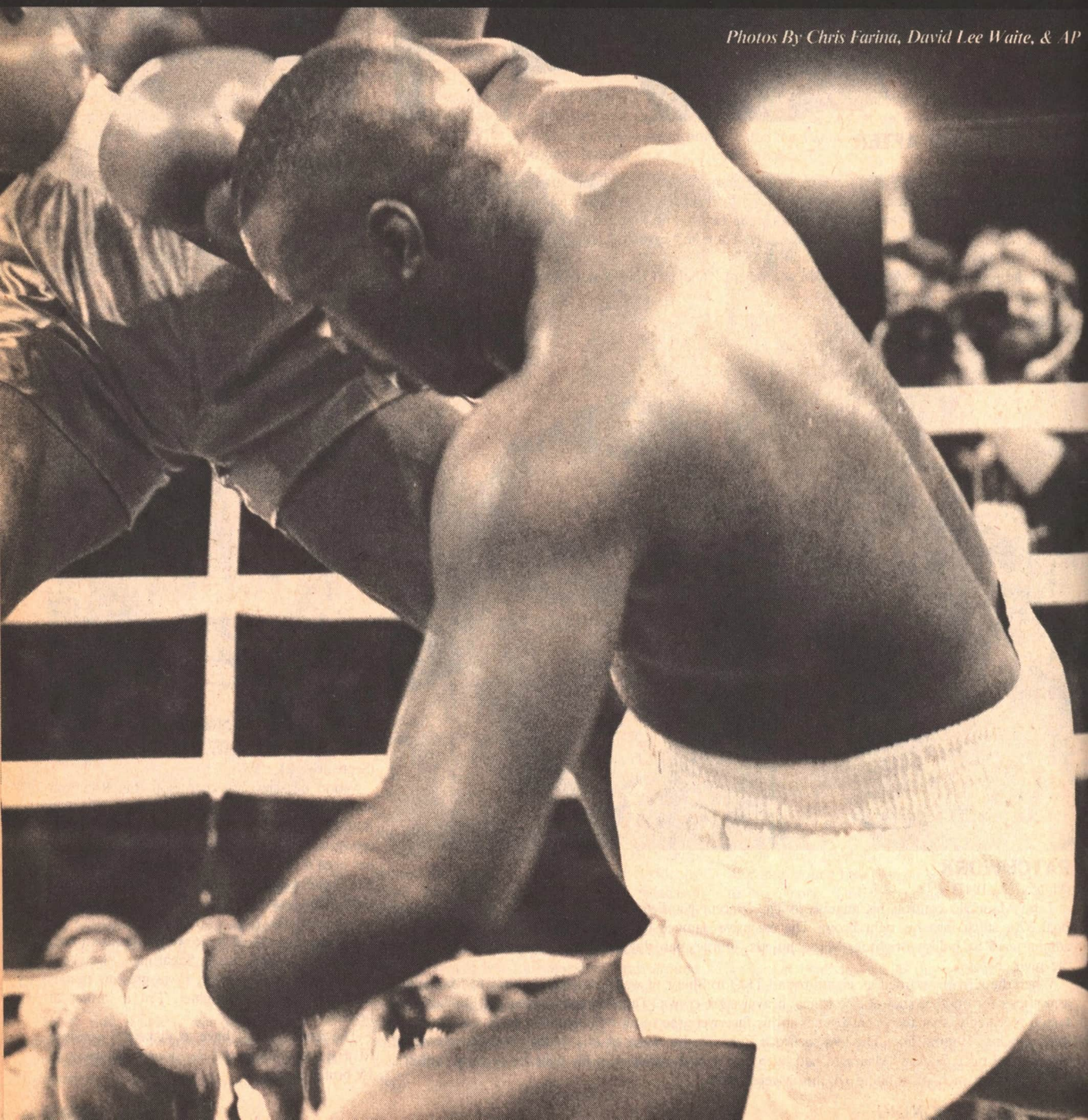
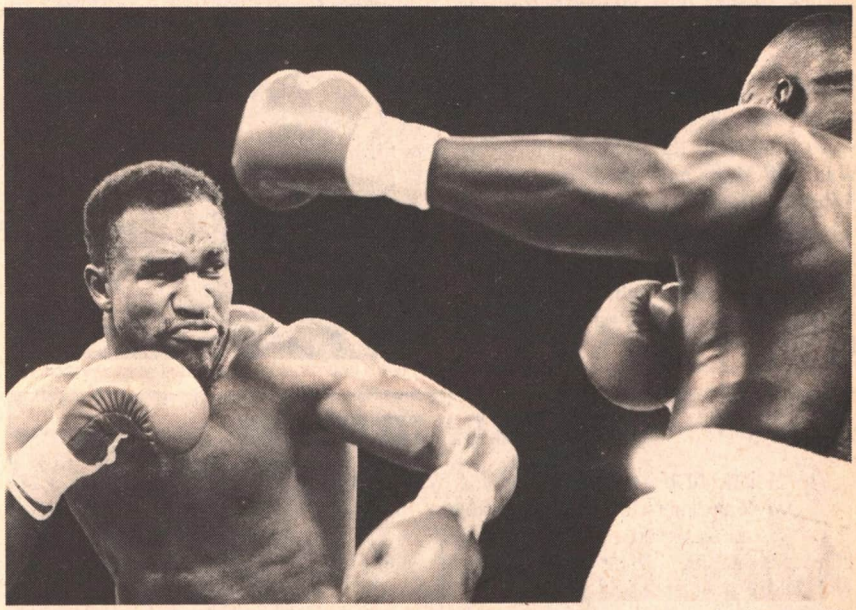


By Steve Farhood

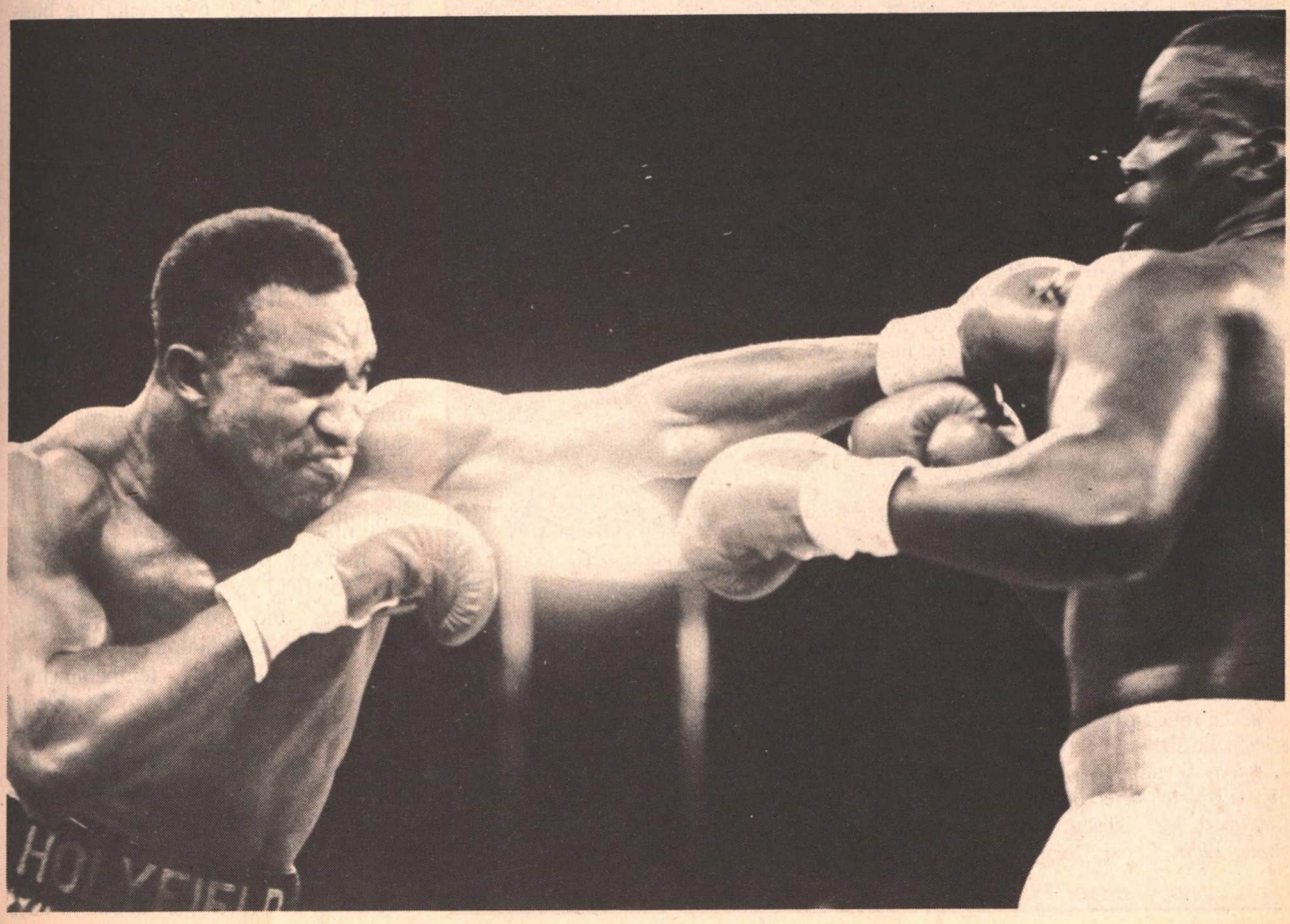
Feel ripped off and pissed off because Buster Douglas never got off? Well, back off. Let's be the ones to be big about this (Buster certainly was) and give Douglas the benefit of the doubt. Sure, he was grossly overweight and out of shape for his first and only defense of the heavyweight title, a one-punch third-round kayo loss to Evander Holyfield at The Mirage in Las Vegas. But there were reasons (translation: excuses). Some old-fashioned digging revealed that earlier this year, when delivery men were risking hernias—and sauce burns—by carrying six pizza pies at a time to Douglas' suite at The Mirage, there was a sensational rumor that swept across the western half of the country: Cows had joined panda bears, white tigers, and bald eagles on the list of endangered species.

It was, of course, utter nonsense, a false rumor probably started by one of the weekly tabloids. But who knew at the time? Buster correctly deduced that no more cows meant no more milk. No more milk meant no more cheese. And no more cheese meant no more mozzarella. Anticipating the death of pizza as we now know it, Douglas was smart to purchase in volume. His only error: eating the pizzas instead of stacking them in his closet and waiting for a phone call from the overbooked managers of Las Vegas' Domino's franchises.

Let's further go out on a limb (after all, Buster went out on all four of his) and excuse Douglas for accepting the second, third, fourth, and hell, even the *13th* helping of his grandmother's pinto beans and neck bones. (We have to presume his ingestion of the latter was motivated by grandma's prize cooking, and not repeated midnight viewings of the X-rated *Satan And The Cannibals of Lust*.) If Buster's grandmother is like most we've come across, she presides over her kitchen table with an iron fork. Refuse her food and your chances of survival are equal to



Operating at a comfortable distance, Holyfield neutralized Douglas' prime weapon in the first round by outjabbing the champion. Then he waited for Douglas to make a mistake. That moment came in the third round, when Buster led with a long-range uppercut. Holyfield had been drilled on the proper response.

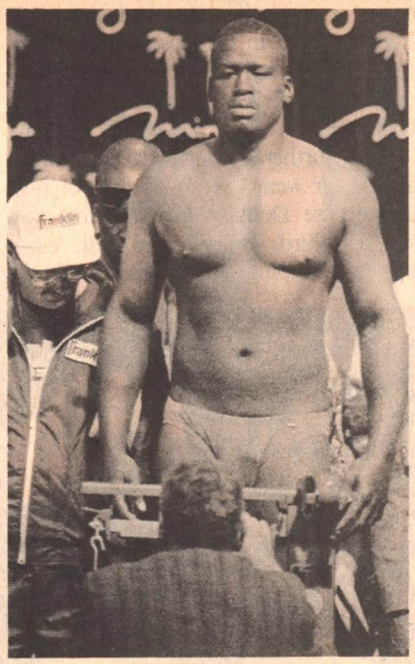


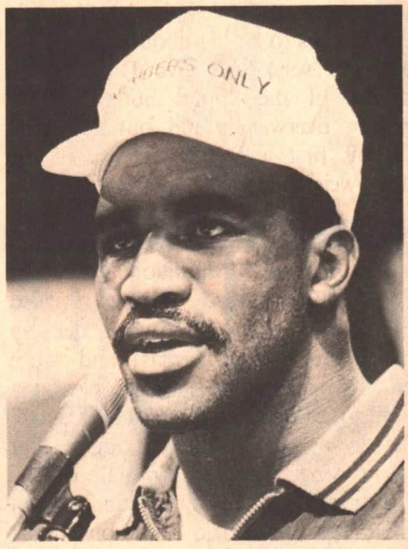
those of the schlup who bumps into Mike Tyson in an alleyway and questions his manhood.

Now that we've established that Buster's weight gain was understandable, if not justifiable, let's address the question of why all that stuffing wasn't burned off in training. It's hardly surprising that John Johnson, Douglas' outspoken manager, takes credit for driving Buster into shape before his momentous match with Mike Tyson.

"I'd get on his ass," Johnson said. "Before Tyson, he was taking 90-pound barbells in each hand. Then it was on to the slantboard for situps. None of that happened [before the Holyfield fight]. He kind of took the easy way, with people around him saying, 'You the champ! Why you listen to that crazy man yelling at you?' "

Johnson maintains that just because he's crazy, it doesn't mean that he can't make sense. Go ahead and argue with that.





Douglas was surprised when he scaled 246 at the weigh-in (left). His condition became the fight's central theme. As a result, Holyfield (below) received little of the credit he deserved.

Johnson originally hired veteran Ohio trainer John Russell as a cutman and chief second for Tokyo. In camp before the Holyfield fight, however, Russell became a main man. With Russell and Douglas' uncle, J.D. McCauley, training the champion, and Douglas' best friends, Rodney Rogers and Larry Nallie, overseeing the business agenda, Johnson says he had Douglas' ear only "a couple of minutes a day." Buster, however, was keeping his stomach to himself.

"John Johnson is not a trainer," countered Russell. "He doesn't know how to train a fighter. If he does, why did he need me or J.D.?"

Ever since Douglas exposed his blob gut on the front page of the October 19-20 issue of *The National,* there has been conjecture over his pre-training weight. One member of his camp estimated that pizza, and grandma's irresistible pinto beans and neck bones, drove Douglas to a high of *290* ! Russell began trying to trim the fat in Columbus, Ohio, on June 1, or about the midway point between the Tyson and Holyfield fights. But Douglas' appearances and obligations left little time for steady training.

"It was Buster's temperament," Russell said. "You have to be able to shut [the public] aside, to put up that wall and go on through the tunnel. But if there was one guy in the back of a crowd who wanted to cry on Buster's shoulder, he'd listen."

Buster began to bust his butt in the beginning of September, about 10 days

THE NEON NUMBERS

The Holyfield-Douglas fight, promoted by Steve Wynn at The Mirage in Las Vegas, produced some interesting numbers. Among them:

- Douglas was paid about $23.5-million, an all-time record. Had he successfully defended the title, Wynn would have paid him $30-million for a Tyson rematch. Holyfield earned about $8.5-million.
- The pay-per-view buy rate was estimated at 7.5 percent. The Mirage's gross revenue from the PPV was about $22-million. Closed-circuit TV brought in $1.5-million, foreign delayed TV sales were worth $2.1-million, and Showtime paid $3-million to show the fight a week later.
- The Mirage said that the four-day casino drop exceeded the record $70-million wagered during Leonard-Duran III, The Mirage's opening act, in December 1989.
- Approximately $23-million was bet on the fight throughout the state of Nevada, which surpassed the previous record of $20-million, set by Leonard-Hagler, held at Caesars Palace in April 1987. At least $4.5-million of that total was wagered at The Mirage. The biggest single bet was $200,000 on Holyfield.

Jack Nicholson

- Wynn paid $25,000 to Fireworks By Grucci for the spectacular display that preceded the main event. The fireworks lasted less than five minutes.
- The Mirage announced a crowd of 16,100 and a live gate of $10-million. A week after the fight, however, the figures released by the Nevada State Athletic Commission were drastically different: a crowd of 15,202, with 5,565 complimentary tickets, and a gate of $6,124,681.
- The state of Nevada collected $352,827.26 in taxes on tickets.
- The sanctioning fees paid to the WBA and WBC were $250,000 each. The IBF took $180,000.
- Sugar Ray Leonard served as the ring announcer for the title fight. His pay: two double suites at The Mirage.
- Grammy-winning trumpeter Wynton Marsalis played the National Anthem in exchange for a round-trip plane ride, fight tickets, and room and board.
- Upon picking up their credentials, members of the working press, which totaled about 800, were given a black leather carrying bag, courtesy of The Mirage, that had a value of about $75.
- The Mirage's print and broadcast advertising budget totaled $4-million.
- The round card girls, Mirage employees Anita Colby and Yolanda Hopkins, were each paid $200.
- It is Wynn's policy to charge celebrities for their seats. (The top ticket price was $1,000.) None were comped. Among those reportedly in attendance: Bill Cosby, Clint Eastwood, Mel Gibson, Jack Nicholson, Chevy Chase, Bo Derek, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Julius Erving, Steven Spielberg, Pat Riley, and Lou Piniella.

—Jack Welsh

before the camp left Ohio for Las Vegas. Russell says that once Douglas hit his training stride, he worked hard: early-morning roadwork, 40 minutes on the Lifecycle. And then the gym work: four or five rounds of shadowboxing, six-to-eight rounds of boxing, four-to-six rounds on the heavybag, three rounds on the speedbag, three rounds jumping rope, and floor exercises. Such a regimen would reduce most fighters to their birth weights. But no matter how much Buster trained, there was always another pizza to work off.

"He dropped at least 30 pounds," Russell said. How much Buster gained back by summoning room service while in the sauna—one order came to $98—is anyone's guess. (If Douglas hadn't been signing for his snacks, we say there's no way he calls for that extra order of nachos.)

Russell and Johnson agree that when Douglas scaled 246 at the prefight weigh-in, the champion was both surprised and disappointed. The decision to forego a daily or weekly weigh-in had been made by Russell.

"We were working him as hard as he could, so whatever he was going to weigh, he was going to weigh," Russell said.

Even if it was 246 pounds.

Now that we've somehow managed to excuse Douglas' flab and alibi for his terrible condition, there's still one question to tackle: How could a fighter who rose from the canvas to kayo Mike Tyson lose the title after swallowing only one punch?

Sorry, Buster, but your postfight explanation ("I didn't get my rhythm going quick enough") is about as convincing as the rumor about the cows.

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While Douglas was sweating over his sweat, Holyfield was constructing a body for the ages—with the help of a ballet instructor, a bodybuilder, a fitness expert, and, oh yeah, two boxing trainers. If Douglas' grandmother is partly to blame for Buster's blubber, Holyfield's *mother* deserves part of the credit for "The Real Deal's" zeal.

"This was the first time my mother ever told me to win something for her," he said.

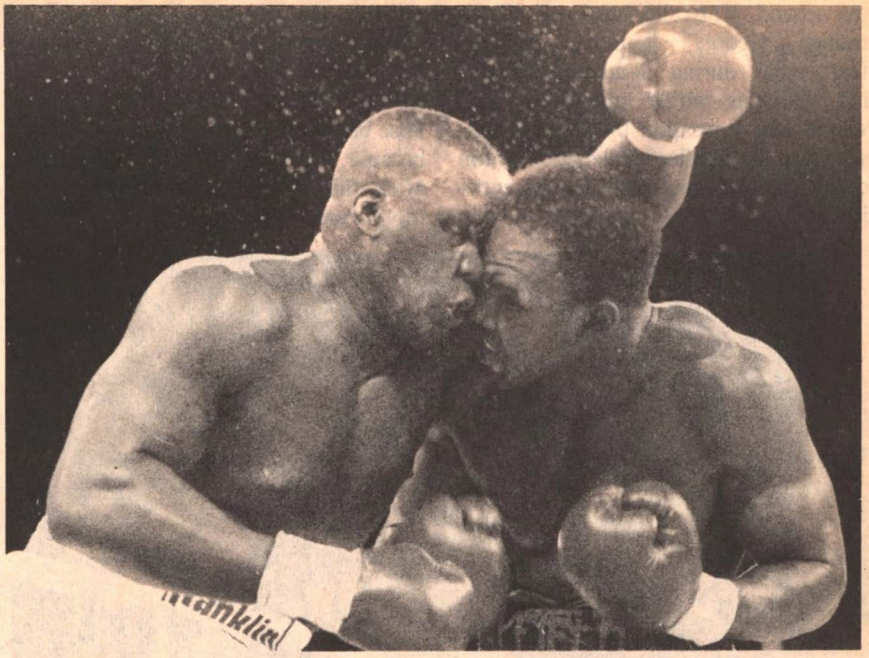
You can be sure that kind of motivation was worth innumerable pushups per session.

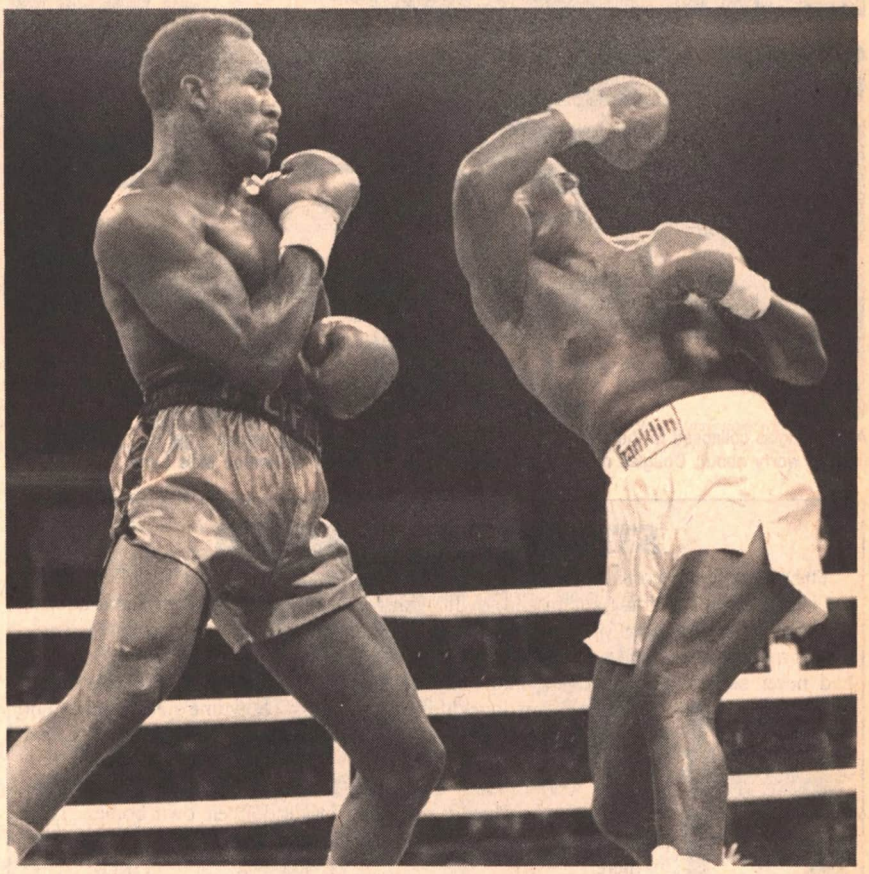
When the fighters undraped in the ring, the difference in size was most apparent in their legs. From the waist up, Douglas, 6'4" and hardly an Adonis when in shape, carried his 246 pounds relatively well. But his thighs were Redwood trunks, flesh without form. Holyfield, on the other hand, bounced on shiny, rock-hard wheels. Is it possible to have negative body fat?

Unable to move as he would have liked, Douglas, 30-5-1 (20), was consistently short or off-target with his jab. It took less than a minute for Holyfield, 208, 25-0 (21), to establish his left, however, and one of the cornerstones of the challenger's fight plan (jab Buster and he'll stop jabbing) was in place.

"After the first round," said Sugar Ray Leonard, the fight's celebrity ring announcer, "Douglas came back to his corner . . . *(Leonard exaggeratedly huffs and puffs)* and I knew."

Unthreatened from a distance, Holy-

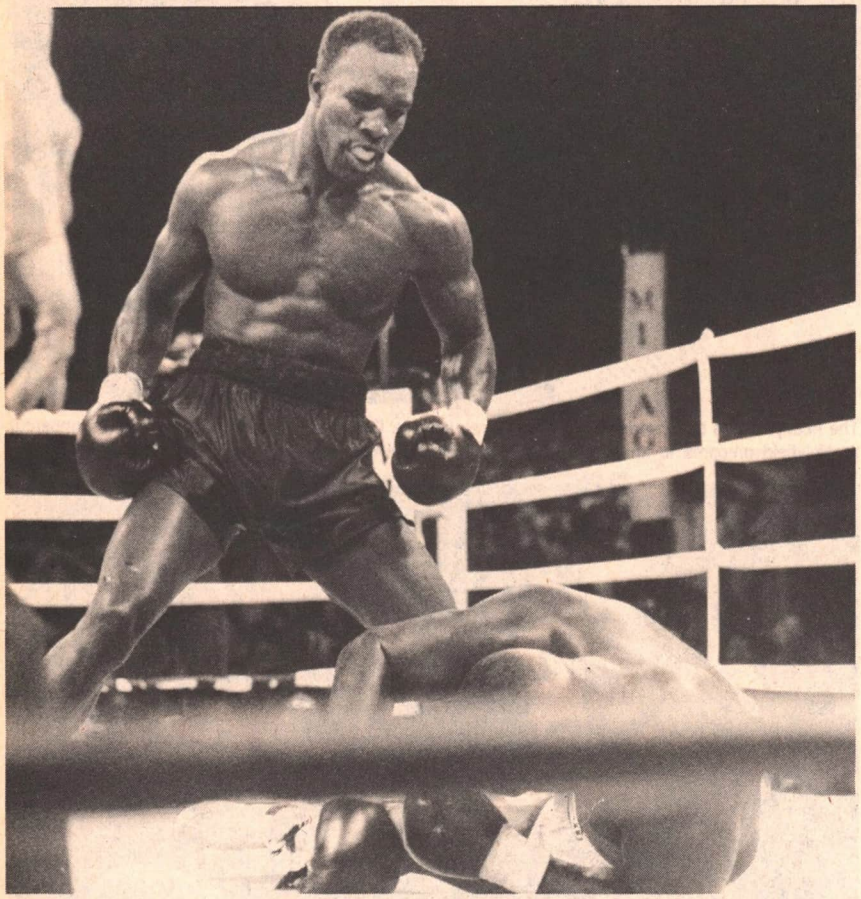




The heavyweights butt heads during round three (above). Douglas misses with the fateful right uppercut as Holyfield prepares to answer (below). When Holyfield countered, Douglas was defenseless.

field was able to box as he pleased in the second. This alleviated one of co-trainer George Benton's greatest fears—that during ill-advised infighting, Douglas would turn his added weight into a weapon by draping himself over the smaller challenger. Benton didn't elaborate as to whether he anticipated Douglas to accompany such a move with a loud belch.

After the unsettling weigh-in ("he scaled *how much?*"), it was inevitable that "The Moment of Truth" would be remembered primarily for Douglas' false effort. It was unfortunate as well, because, as promoter Dan Duva said after the kayo, "You never saw a more *ready* fighter in your life than tonight." Holyfield's preparedness, and the soundness of the strategy devised by Benton and Lou Duva, was underlined in the third, when Douglas, stationed in ring center, offered the most dangerous, if not amateurish, of leads—a long-distance right uppercut.



After Douglas collapsed to the canvas, Holyfield said, "I was hoping he wouldn't get up." Holyfield had little to worry about; Douglas never threatened to beat the count of referee Mills Lane.

"When I was in Reno," Holyfield recalled, "Lou was telling George that Buster was working on the uppercut. George is really low-keyed on everything. He said, 'Don't worry about that. He can't hit you with that because you won't be still.' "

Benton knows his fighter. Holyfield leaned away by arcing his back, bounced half a step in retreat, and answered with a thudding straight counter right. As referee Mills Lane tolled over the fallen champion, it became apparent that round eight of Douglas-Tyson had been Buster's last stand. That Douglas didn't even try to beat the count—almost everyone at ringside thought he not only *could* have risen, but *should* have—was more symbolic than significant; his chances of winning had faded long before the opening bell. (All three judges, Chuck Giampa, Jerry Roth, and Dave Moretti, scored the first two rounds for Holyfield.)

"He's a person with the personality traits of a loser," said Ferdie Pacheco, who provided analysis on the pay-per-view broadcast. "He doesn't have the pilot light that burns inside of great fighters. Subconsciously, he wanted to lose. The training . . . that's what he was saying."

What those who know Douglas best are saying is that if Douglas were indifferent in Las Vegas, it was because he was satisfied by Tokyo.

"I don't know how much James ever liked boxing," said Russell.

"James," said Johnson, "is a competitive person, but he is not a fighter at heart."

"He's from a different mold than I was," said Billy Douglas, Buster's father and a former middleweight and light heavyweight contender. "I came up very hard, and it's hard to take that hunger away."

As it turned out, that's what Holyfield-Douglas was about: hunger, both figuratively and literally. Sure, Buster going bust ripped us off and pissed us off. But as the years fly by and Tokyo is recorded as not only the greatest upset in history, but also an aberration of baffling proportions, we'll come to see that in the days and months after, and in the ring in Las Vegas, James Douglas was just being himself. ■

STRETCHING EVANDER

The petite, feisty woman pulling and tugging at the limbs of Evander Holyfield during the heavyweight's training for his title fight with Buster Douglas was not some adoring fan, but a key member of Team Holyfield.

Marya Kennett, a ballet instructor who says she's been dancing "almost 100 years," had never seen a boxing match until Holyfield sent her a tape of one of his fights.

Marya Kennett

Holyfield was introduced to ballet by Showtime's Jay Larkin and wife Lisa Direbiere, a former dancer and now a well-known choreographer.

Upon working with Holyfield, Kennett concluded that "athletes need to stretch. They're so bound inside of their own bodies. These poor guys are fighting inside themselves to get out. They're trapped in there."

It took only one workout for Holyfield to appreciate Kennett's athleticism.

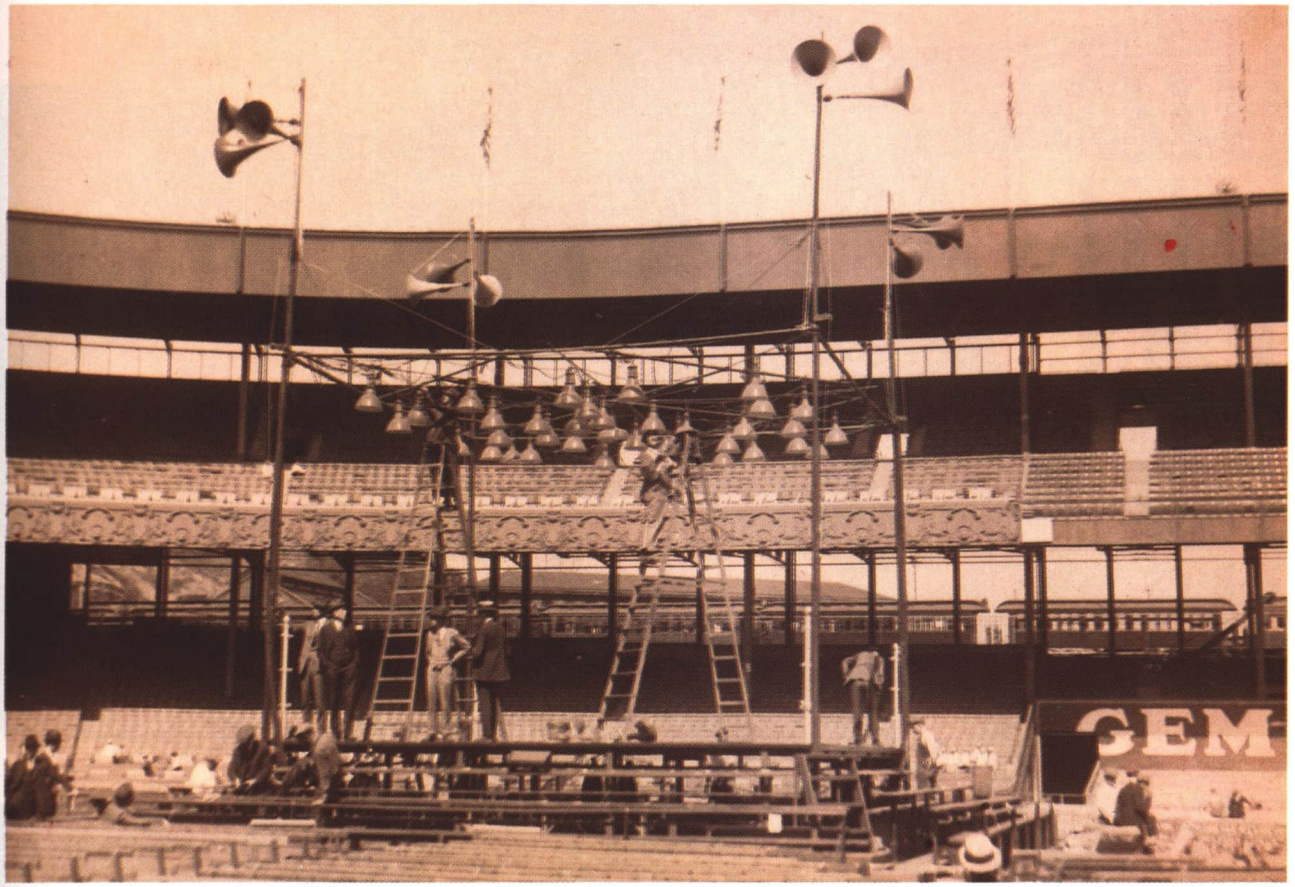
"She's over 60 and she can do many of the things that even I can't do," he marvelled. "It was amazing. That 45 minutes killed me. We worked on my abdominal muscles. I tried to do this one type of situp and I couldn't do even one. And she kept on going! I couldn't touch my toes. That's how stiff I was."

Thanks to Kennett, he is stiff no longer. But dismiss any thoughts of Holyfield swapping his boxing trunks for a leotard.

"To be the best," he said, "it would take 20 years. And that would kill me."

—Arlene Schulman

ZERO HOUR MINUS 10... AND COUNTING...



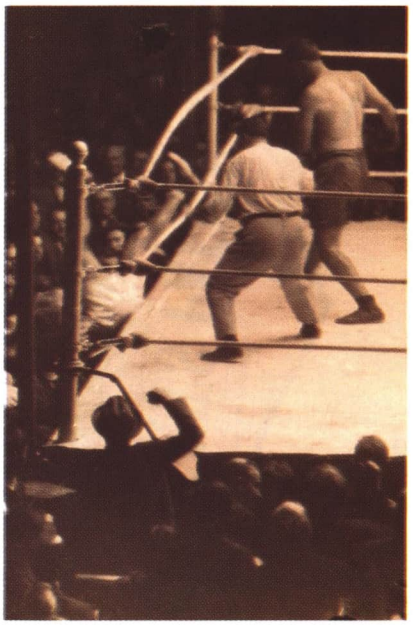
This never-before-published picture (above) was taken at about 12:30 p.m. on September 14, 1923. The ring is in place on the infield, but neither the ropes nor the ring canvas have yet been positioned. Supervisors survey the progress from inside the ring, and electricians install powerful light bulbs from atop high ladders. Visible in the background are New York's famous "El" trains parked at the Polo Grounds station.

The amplifiers towering above each corner of the ring will make it possible for everyone in the huge stadium to hear the announcements. Blow-by-blow descriptions will be radio-broadcast throughout the United States, and for the first time, specially-designed radio equipment will transmit a blow-by-blow account, in Spanish, to Argentina, the home of challenger Firpo.

The tension mounted around the world as the minutes ticked away toward Zero Hour . . .

At about 7 o'clock on the bright fall morning of September 14, 1923, workmen started to prepare the site of battle at New York's baseball shrine, The Polo Grounds. The specially trained team of carpenters, electricians, and radio engineers had only about 10 hours to complete the complex task of having everything ready for the first preliminary bout on that night's boxing card, which was scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. sharp.

Principals for the main event would enter the ring at 10:10 p.m. Pre-bout ceremonies would consume approximately 15 minutes, and the opening bell signaling the start of the world heavyweight title fight between champion Jack Dempsey and top challenger Luis "Angel" Firpo would sound no later than 10:30.



That never-to-be-forgotten moment in the first round, when Firpo sent Dempsey flying headlong through the ropes (above). Shoved back into the ring by reporters, the champion miraculously survived the round and rebounded to knock out his bullish challenger in the next round. To this day, the Dempsey-Firpo fight is still called "The Most Thrilling Prize Fight of All Time."

SONNY LISTON:

The Big Bear Ascends The Throne

A galaxy of stars were on hand to see Sonny crowned heavyweight champion in near-record time at Chicago's Comiskey Park on September 25, 1962.

Chicago Daily Tribune

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LISTON KO'S PATTERSON IN 1ST ROUND!

These Heavyweight Bouts Ended Quickly, Too

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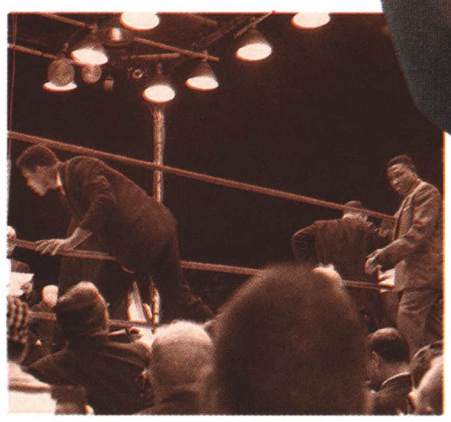
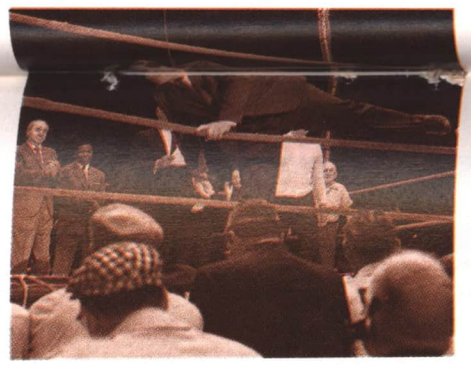
It's No Contest as New Champion Is Crowned

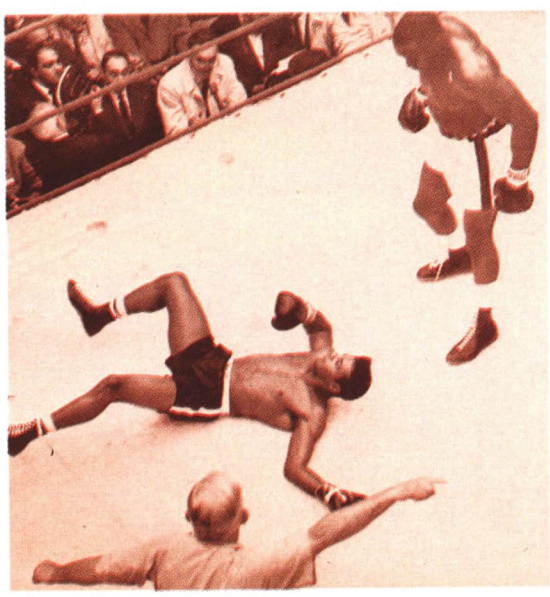
Joe Louis climbs into the ring to take a bow

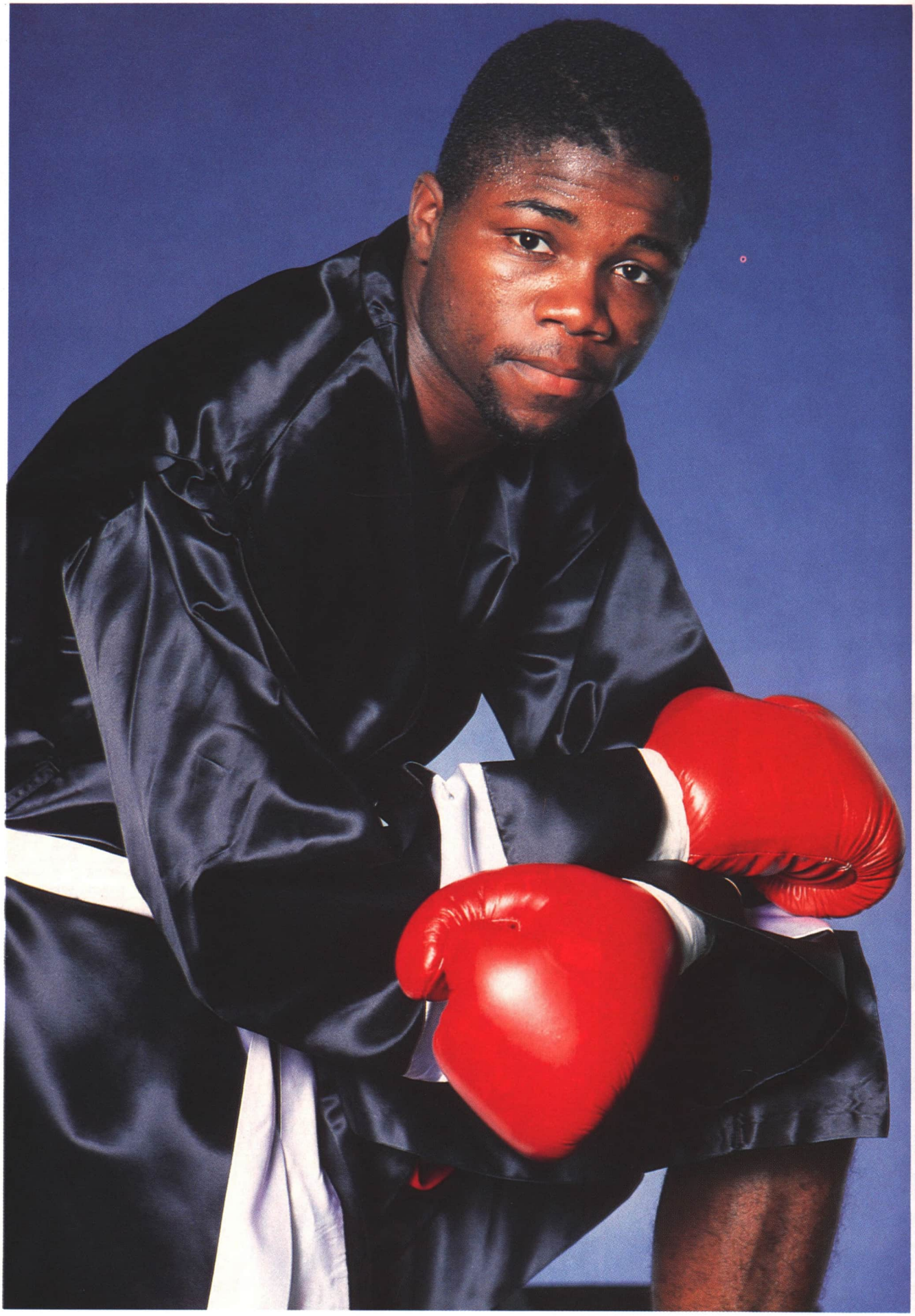

Young Cassius Clay (left) and Dick Tiger


Rocky Marciano receives a rousing ovation

Archie Moore wows crowd with Dracula cape

The galaxy of stars line up for a final tribute just prior to the introductions of defending champion Floyd Patterson and challenger Sonny Liston


A paralyzing left hook stretches Patterson on the floor, where referee Frank Sikora counts him out. The official time: 2:06 of the first round.



Charles In Charge

"THE NATURAL" COMES OF AGE

By Dan Hirshberg

Early-November 1990: Charles "The Natural" Murray sits casually at a small table, joining stablemate Al Cole and strength coach Tim Ryan. Murray picks at a plate of food while a roomful of boxing officials and reporters mingle around him at a press conference to announce an upcoming fight between the other third of the Triple Threat team, Ray Mercer, and Francesco Damiani. Murray, a junior welterweight with a sensational professional resume, seems the epitome of calm.

1983: Charles Murray, 15 years old and all of 130 pounds, is riding the RTS bus from home to East High School in Rochester, New York. The sleepy-eyed youngsters on the bus turn as one when a ruckus erupts in the back. Murray and another young boy are jawing at each other. Suddenly, a girl, the other kid's sister, pushes her way to the back. The girl, older and bigger than Murray, smacks the future contender in the left eye.

"I hit her back, sure I did," Murray recalls seven years later. "I had to, she hit me first. She gave me a mark by my left eye. To this day it's still there."

October 1990: Charles Murray has just won his most important fight to date, a 12-round decision over Micky Ward, for the USBA junior welterweight belt. Afterward, he answers questions from reporters smoothly, quietly, and with ease. The impression is that he has done this countless times before.

1984: Junior varsity basketball player Charles Murray, a talented guard at Jefferson High School, gets knocked out of bounds by a player from Victor High. Murray leaps up, rips off a straight right, and scores a knockout that today cannot be found on his record.

"I had an attitude problem," Murray acknowledges. He sure did. Murray attended five high schools, and was kicked out of four. Five high schools without getting past the 10th grade!

"I had a quick temper, I was a little bad," admits Murray, who left his final high school destination to train full-time for the 1988 Olympics. "People picked on me because I was quiet. They didn't think I could box."

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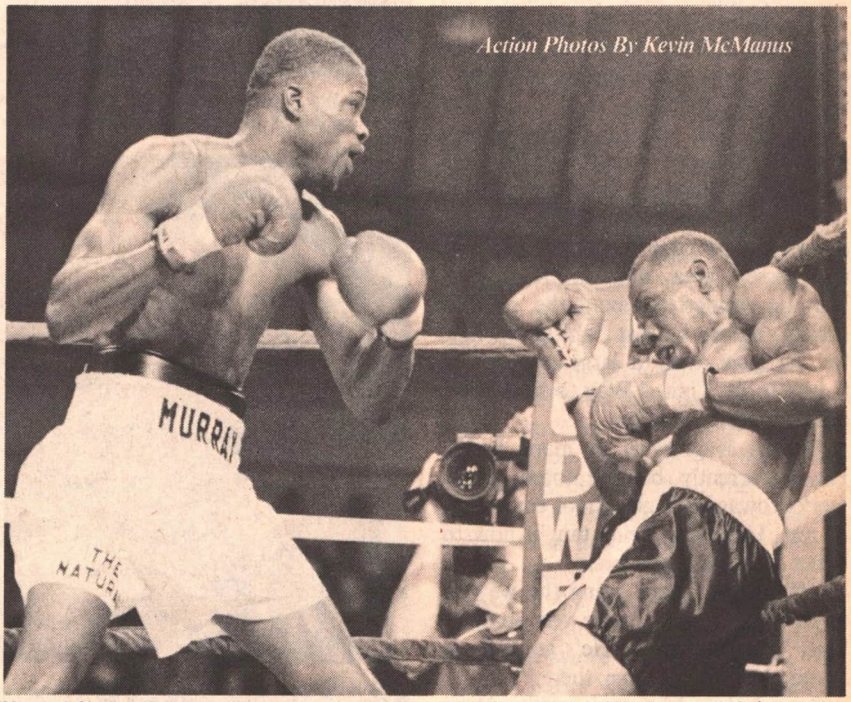
As relaxed and easy as he is today, it is difficult to believe that Charles Murray once had an attitude problem. When he turned pro, following an amateur career that concluded with a 65-5 record and his share of championship trophies, he seemed almost embarrassed by his status as a potentially valuable prospect. While Mercer, the 1988 heavyweight gold medalist, and Cole, now a cruiserweight contender, loved the media attention and clamored for the microphone, Murray had to be asked to share a few words.

"I'd see Mercer, he'd be real loose; I tended to keep it to myself," says Murray, who didn't want to be accused of being a braggart.

"Basically, he's very quiet," says Marc Roberts, Murray's manager.

"He *is* articulate," offers Hank Johnson, Murray's trainer, who lives a



Many of Charles Murray's performances have bordered on the sensational. In August 1989, he accelerates against Joe Alexander, who managed to last the distance. It was The Natural's seventh bout.

half-block away from his protege in South Orange, New Jersey. "We would always ask him, 'Why don't you say something when [the press] asks questions? Tell them what's in your heart.' "

Slowly but surely, Murray, 22, has been doing just that. His confidence, both in the ring and out, has skyrocketed, and he's now more than happy to talk about himself.

"I'm feeling looser now," he says. "I'm more confident. I'm getting used to the attention."

"His confidence level has zoomed," says Johnson. "He now gives you inner confidence, too. I guess some of the stuff we talked to him about has sunk in."

"Actually, after being on TV so much and fighting before so many big crowds, it was just a matter of maturing," added Roberts.

At the start of the Triple Threat program, Murray was forced to deal with the spotlight at numerous publicity functions. Today, the fighter eagerly speaks before youth groups, both in the Jersey area and in Rochester, warning youngsters about the evils of society. Before his last fight in Rochester, he gave away a large number of tickets to the United Way to be distributed to needy children.

Murray is growing at many levels. He is currently being tutored as he works toward a high school equivalency test. He is also being taught how to better deal with the press.

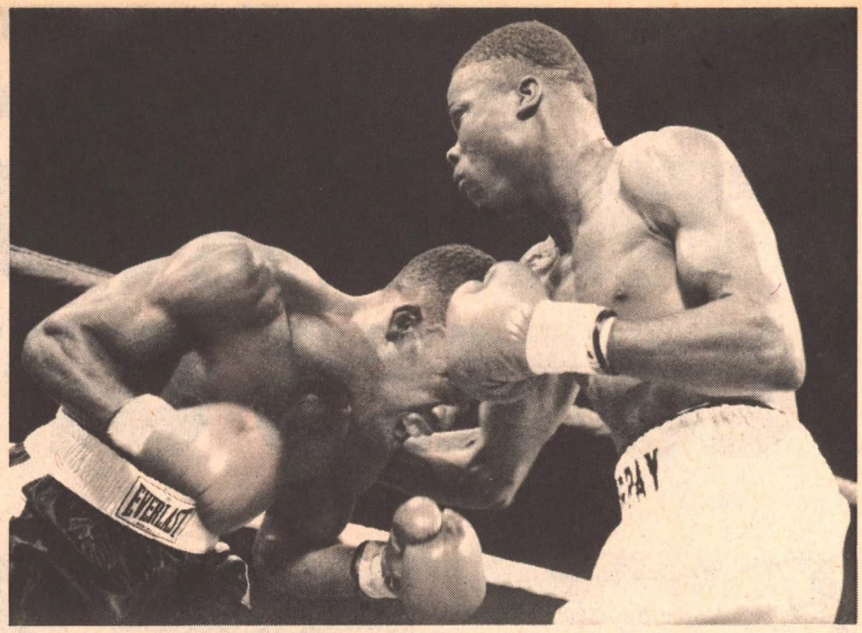
"If Charles keeps going the way he is going, he's going to be very marketable," says Roberts. "He's got a ways to go, but he's getting there."

As a boxer, Murray is getting there at an incredible pace. Following his controversial loss to Todd Foster at the '88 Olympic Box-offs, Murray signed with Roberts. The manager was steered toward Murray by Johnson, who had been training the Olympic alternate in Arizona.

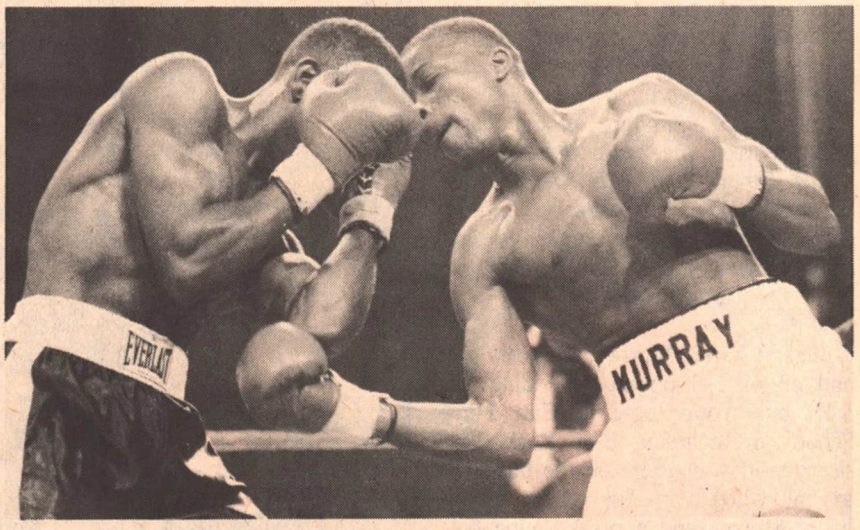
"I was recruiting Ray and Al, and Charles was training with them at the time," recalls Roberts. "Hank told me to check out the kid, that he had a lot of talent."

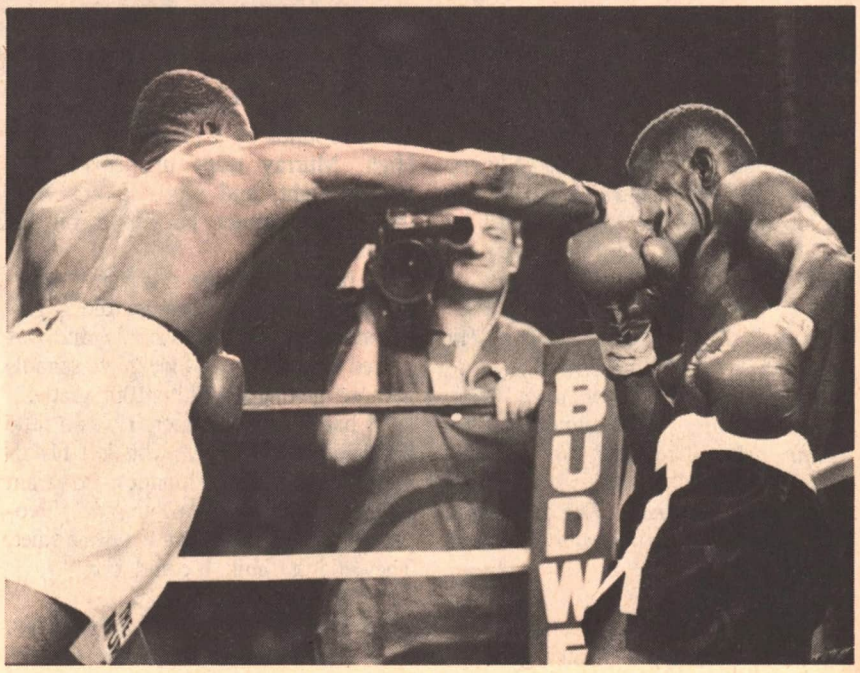
Roberts heeded Johnson's advice and then outbid a host of other managers, including Lou Duva and Sugar Ray Leonard.

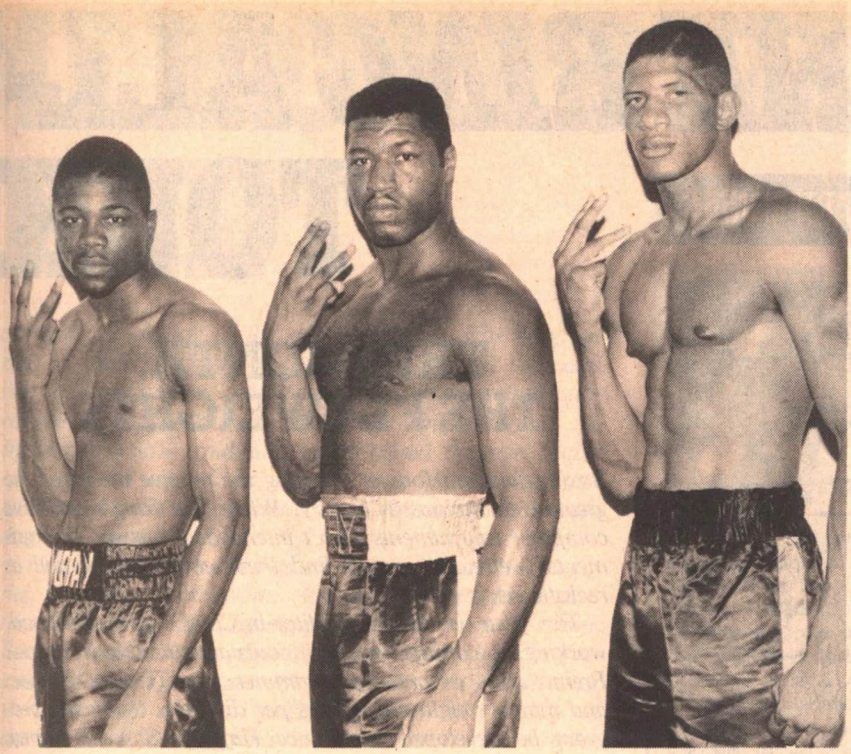
"He got robbed against Foster, and I figured, hey, here's a kid who should be in the Olympics," Roberts says. "In a way, he was a bargain, although he didn't come free. But when you look at where he is in the pros this second,



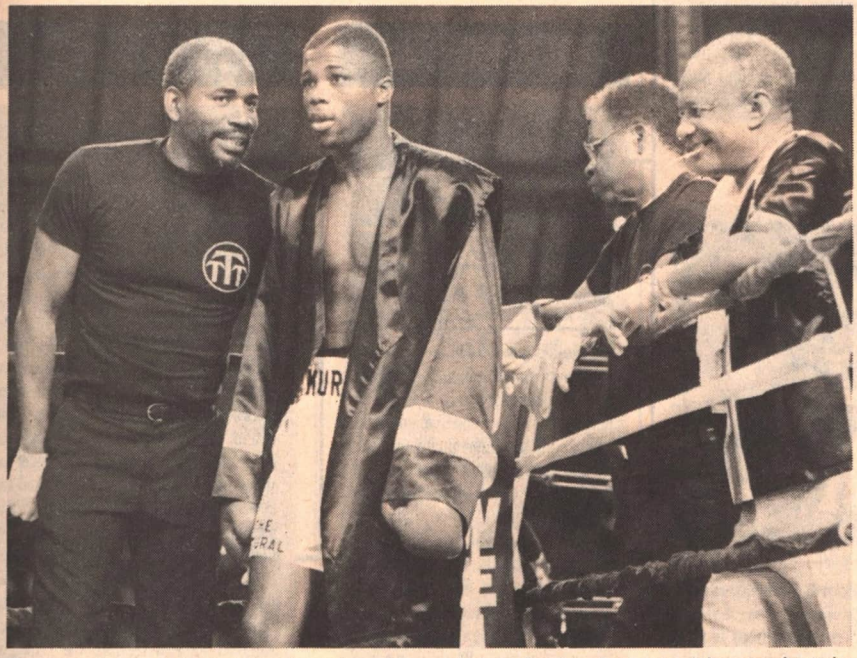
Murray's lone powerpunch, his right, was on display against Alexander. Trainer Hank Johnson is working with Murray on trying to improve his hook. Then, Johnson says, "we'll have a complete package."







The Triple Threat roster: junior welterweight Murray, heavyweight Ray Mercer, and cruiserweight Alfred Cole. The three are undefeated and rising in the ratings. Cole is likely to receive the first title shot.



Murray receives last-minute instructions from Johnson before disrobing for battle. Johnson, who trains all three members of the Triple Threat team, worked with Murray in the amateurs.

and figure what he's worth, he *was* a bargain."

In February 1989, Murray scored a fourth-round kayo over Martin Vargas in his pro debut. He scored two more quick knockouts, then hit a period where, although he was winning, his power suddenly seemed to disappear.

"He kind of lost his punching range," assessed Johnson. "I knew he had punching power because I had worked with him in the amateurs. I always knew he had the power, I just had to get him to remember where his range was."

Clearly, Murray has again found that range. After winning six of 11 bouts by decision, he blasted away his next six opponents with devastating knockouts. Among his better-known kayo victims were Clarence Coleman, Elvis Perez, Robert Guy, who had never before been dropped, and Alfredo Rojas, who floored Murray before being stopped.

"He's a thinking fighter," says Johnson. "He makes things happen. It doesn't take long for him to figure somebody out. By the end of the first round, he knows. His strength right now has got to be his ability to figure out a fighter quickly and then dissect him. And then being blessed with the power to knock someone out."

In October, fighting before his hometown crowd in Rochester and a national TV audience on ESPN, Murray, 18-0 (12), easily decisioned former fringe contender Ward in his first scheduled 12-rounder.

"I wasn't nervous at all for the fight," says Murray. "I felt comfortable from the first round on. He wasn't giving me that much, and what he gave me I took."

"Everybody in boxing knows that Ward is a bad dude," says Johnson. "He is a tough cookie. It surprised me how easy it was. I actually thought Charles could have gotten him out of there. I thought he was too cautious with Ward. I don't think he wanted to take any chances. He didn't want to run out of gas. He didn't want to get cut. He didn't want to risk it. He was worried about the eternity thing."

Some of Murray's dazzling performances have led observers to label him the class of the class of '88. While Johnson is thrilled about the fighter's progress, he also acknowledges that the fighter does have some shortcomings.

"He learns so incredibly fast that sometimes it's scary the way he picks up stuff, but there are a couple of areas that we've got to work on," he says. "Charles will sometimes keep his chin in the air. There are a lot of times where he'll throw a lot of punches with his chin up. He'll sometimes even lead with the chin. And he's got to get a left hook.

"His right hand is there. His jab is there. But the hook doesn't have the rip to it. Once we get the left hook, we'll have a complete package."

Judging by Murray's first two years as a pro, there's little reason to doubt that he'll continue to develop. What Murray is discovering is that success breeds confidence, and confidence breeds success.

"I want big bucks, a championship, and superstardom," he says. "As you get up there, you realize it is going to come. I feel comfortable saying it because I believe it." ■

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THE RING ALL-T TOURN

THIS MONTH: THE FLYWEIGHTS

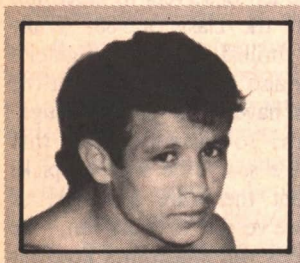
Boxing fans are forever debating the relative merits of the greatest champions in history. While ***The Ring's*** *exclusive computer tournaments aren't intended to answer all arguments, we're sure you'll find them entertaining—and as realistic as is possible.*

The idea is simple: Editor-in-Chief Steve Farhood, working in conjunction with tournament adviser Patrick Premo and computer programmer Jim Trunzo, chooses and matches eight champions per division. Using the program he developed for Lance Haffner Games, Trunzo then runs the 15-round matchups through his computer.

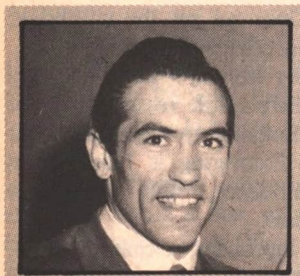
Lance Haffner's TKO Professional Boxing Game is a

Jimmy Wilde: Born in Tylorstown, Wales . . . Nicknamed "The Mighty Atom" . . . Won world title in February 1916 with a kayo of Joe Symonds . . . Made four defenses before losing crown to Pancho Villa . . . Often weighed less than 100 pounds for major fights . . . Pound for pound, among the hardest hitters of all time . . . Record: 141-3-1 (99).

Masao Ohba: The division's most tragic story . . . Lanky Japanese was the reigning world champion when he was killed in an auto accident in January 1973 at age 23 . . . Won WBA title in October 1970 with a kayo of Berkrerk Chartvanchai . . . Made five defenses . . . A combination puncher who depended heavily on his jab . . . Record: 35-2-1 (15).

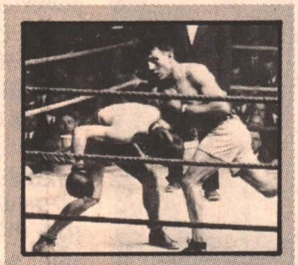


Miguel Canto: 5'1" Mexican is considered one of greatest defensive fighters in history . . . Stopped in two of first three pro bouts, but rebounded to make history . . . Won WBC title in January 1975 with a decision over Shoji Oguma . . . Made 14 successful defenses, including 12 straight by 15-round decision . . . Record: 61-9-4 (15).

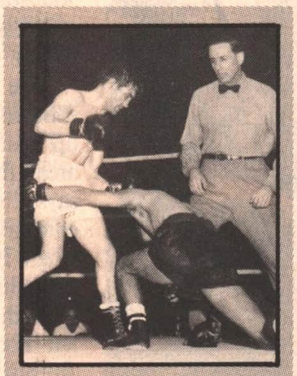


Pascual Perez: Barrel-chested Argentine stood 5'0" . . . Nicknamed "Toy Bull of the Pampas" . . . Gold medalist at the 1948 Olympics, and undefeated in first 51 pro bouts . . . Won world title in November 1954 via decision over Yoshio Shirai . . . Made nine defenses, and held crown for 5½ years . . . Arguably strongest fly ever . . . Record: 83-7-1 (56).

THE QUARTERFINALS

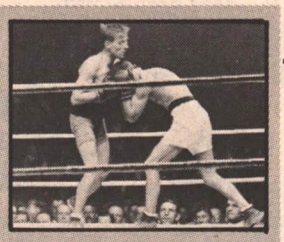


Wilde-Ohba: The shorter Wilde demands a fast pace from the opening bell, as he races across the ring to attack. Ohba finds his rhythm in the second, and scores a flash knockdown in the third. Encouraged by his success in brawling, Ohba willingly trades and suffers a nasty cut over his left eye in the fifth. A sixth-round uppercut staggers the Japanese, who is still bleeding. Wilde bulls his foe to the ropes, and Ohba slumps to the canvas after a flurry. He beats the count but is defenseless, and the referee wraps his arms around the loser. **Wilde by sixth-round TKO.**



LaBarba-Perez: The first three rounds are void of action. LaBarba scores with combos in the fourth and backs up his stronger foe. Perez shows a cut under his right eye in the fifth, then walks into a left and falls. The knockdown angers him, and by the eighth, he has taken the momentum. LaBarba's left eye begins to swell in the 11th, and Perez, landing again and again with his right, buckles LaBarba's knees. A right in the 12th fells LaBarba, who rises but is rescued at the 2:24 mark. Perez leads on all three cards at the time of the stoppage. **Perez by 12th-round TKO.**

THE SEMIFINALS



Wilde-Perez: The tourney's most anticipated match disappoints no one. There is instant action. Perez floors Wilde for a five-count in round one and dominates in the third, during which the referee seems about to make the Argentine a TKO winner. Wilde, showing mouses under both eyes, begins to rally in the fourth. His body attack is successful, and Perez begins to clinch. At one point in the fifth, a combo to the midsection leaves Perez doubled over. Wilde drops Perez with a left uppercut in the sixth. Later in the round, he loses a point for hitting on the break. An uppercut, Wilde's most effective punch throughout, produces another knockdown. Wilde applies more heat in the seventh, and an uppercut sends Perez' mouthpiece flying. The bout is stopped at the 2:31 mark. The scoring after six rounds: 58-57 (twice) for Wilde, and 57-57. **Wilde by seventh-round TKO.**

THE FINAL

Wilde-Canto: Can the aggressive and dangerous Wilde make the crafty Mexican fight his fight? Wilde forces the action from the opening bell, but in the second, a cross opens a cut over Wilde's left eye. Wilde uses his strength to bull Canto, but he's landing one punch at a time. In the fourth, Canto suffers a cut inside his mouth; he swallows blood for the rest of the fight. Canto turns the fight in the sixth, when he beats Wilde to the trigger and scores a knockdown with a right. Later in the round, a cross-hook combo again fells "The Mighty Atom." A neat bit of work enables Wilde to survive until the bell. By the end of the seventh, Wilde can no longer see out of his left eye. Canto has built a big lead, but Wilde rallies in the ninth, when he drops his foe with a hook and opens a cut on his right eyebrow. Wilde motions for Canto to come and fight in the 11th, but Canto elects to fire from a distance, and Wilde can't see the punches coming. Wilde scores a flash knockdown in the 13th with an uppercut. Wilde demands a brawl over the last two rounds, and in the 15th, Canto spits out his gumshield. Both fighters are bloodied and exhausted at the final bell. The scoring: 142-141 for Wilde, and 142-140 and 142-141 for Canto. **The winner and champion is Canto via split decision.**

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computer simulation of the sport of boxing. The program runs in compiled basic and consists of several thousand lines of code. More than two dozen routines and subroutines cross-check such factors as ring position, the fighters' physical condition, accumulated damage, status of cuts, and special strategy, if any, that is used. In addition, almost 100 variables are constantly monitored during a given fight.

The fighters have been rated in more than 30 categories, including obvious ones, like defense, punching accuracy, strength of chin, hitting power, and ring generalship. Less obvious, but equally important areas, that are factored into each fight are ability to take punishment over the course of a fight, susceptibility to cuts, ability to counterpunch, relative ability to cope with different styles, and the level of competition faced during a career.

The rest is up to your imagination.

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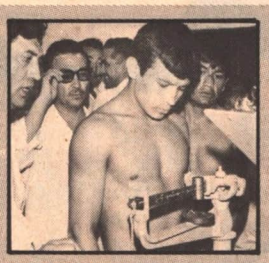

Villa-Canto: Styles make fights, and these flys don't mesh. There is no action for three rounds, as Villa matches Canto feint for feint. Villa accelerates in the fourth, but whenever he throws punches in bunches, Canto frustrates him with exceptional defense. Villa is warned for elbowing in the seventh. They suddenly trade with enthusiasm in the ninth, and Villa gains the edge. Blood spurts from Canto's lip in the 10th. The referee tries to force the action in the dull 12th. Villa responds one round later, and a hook-cross combo buckles Canto's knees. Canto dances away and scores with his jab. Both fighters are careful in the 14th and 15th, and both triumphantly raise their arms at the final bell. Canto has thrown almost twice as many punches, and the judges are impressed. The scoring: 145-141, 143-142, and 144-141. **Canto by unanimous decision.**

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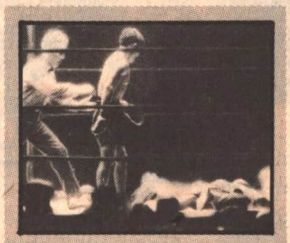
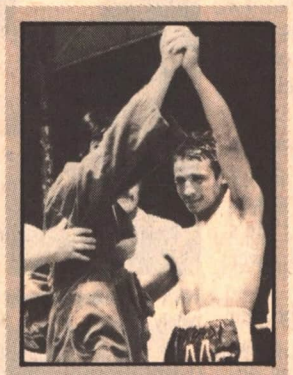
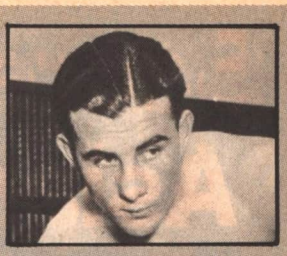


Villa-Chitalada: Villa's accuracy vs. Chitalada's power produces a savage war. A cross in the fourth downs the Thai, and an uppercut produces another knockdown. Chitalada seems ready to go in both the fifth and sixth, but then Villa decelerates. Villa injures his left hand in the 10th, during which a butt opens a gash over Chitalada's right eye. His left eye now almost shut, Chitalada rallies. A hook in the 13th floors Villa, who barely beats the count. Villa dances until the final bell and triumphs by scores of 145-141, 144-141, and 148-138. **Villa by unanimous decision.**

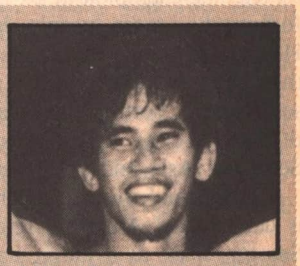


Lynch-Canto: Lynch cuts off the ring in round one. Canto goes to his toes in the second, and Lynch draws a warning when he tosses the Mexican to the canvas. Jabbing and countering with precision, Canto controls the middle rounds and begins to close Lynch's left eye. Canto rests in the sixth, and Lynch scores with power. He rallies again in the ninth, and in the 10th, a left floors Canto. Both are fatigued down the stretch, with Canto limiting the exchanges. Canto lands a phenomenal 62 percent of his blows and wins by scores of 145-141, 144-140, and 143-142. **Canto by unanimous decision.**

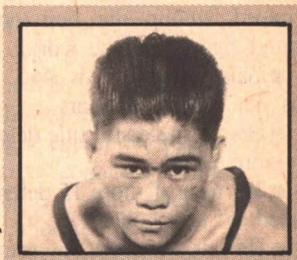


Fidel LaBarba: Native New Yorker . . . Gold medalist at 1924 Olympics . . . Met Jimmy McLarnin three times in first six bouts . . . Won vacant world title in January 1927 with decision over Elky Clark . . . Made no defenses—weight problems took him out of division . . . Fought for feather crown in 1931 . . . Slick, crafty, and fast . . . Record: 73-15-7 (16).

Benny Lynch: Scotland's first world champ . . . Tall (5'5") and a master ring technician with a more than adequate hook . . . Won vacant world title in January 1937 with decision over Small Montana . . . Successfully defended twice against archrival Peter Kane . . . Battled alcoholism, and died penniless at age 33 . . . Record: 90-15-17 (34).



Sot Chitalada: Among the finest flys of the '80s, along with Hilario Zapata and Santos Laciar . . . Rangy Thai fires a division-best jab . . . Has overcome chronic weight problems to twice reign as WBC titlist . . . First won crown in October 1984 with decision over Gabriel Bernal . . . Has made total of 12 successful defenses . . . Record: 22-2-1 (15).



Pancho Villa: Began career in native Manila, the Philippines, and came to United States in 1922 . . . Only 5'1", and often well under the 112-pound limit . . . "Where in the hell does that sawed-off runt get all that power?" Damon Runyon asked . . . Won world title in June 1923 with kayo of faded Jimmy Wilde . . . Died at age 23 . . . Record: 88-9-5 (22).

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Secret Asian Man

WBA junior bantamweight champion Khaosai Galaxy is a beloved hero in his native Thailand. Unfortunately, Galaxy, who is boxing's longest-reigning champion, is a virtual unknown in the West.

By Robert Cassidy

Just what is a Khaosai Galaxy? If you think it's a cluster of stars in the heavens, you're wrong.

If you think it's a new candy bar, you're wrong again.

And no, it's not something spectacular that you once saw in a Steven Spielberg movie.

Khaosai Galaxy, on this side of the Pacific, anyway, is familiar only to the most devoted boxing observers. Galaxy happens to be the WBA junior bantamweight champion. He has made 15 successful title defenses and is the longest-reigning champion in the sport. Unfortunately, more people have seen Halley's Comet race across the sky than Galaxy swap punches. The reason: Galaxy, born in the Thai province of Petchaboon, fights exclusively in Southeast Asia and the Orient.

"Understand this about Khaosai; he is deity," said American referee Steve Smoger, who, as a judge, has worked two of Galaxy's title fights. "He's thought of in terms of a god over there."

It is hard for the general boxing public to understand just how good Galaxy has been. A glance at his accomplishments suggest why he is grouped among the best pound-for-pound fighters in the world:

- Galaxy's record is 44-1 (39); he has not lost in 10 years.
- His 15 successful title defenses is a division record.
- Thirteen of those 15 defenses have ended by knockout.
- He has knocked out four former world champions while defending the crown.
- His only defeat, a points loss to Sakda Saksuree in 1980, was avenged with a sixth-round knockout two months later.

Galaxy and his twin brother Kaokor (born minutes before Khaosai) made history when they became the first brother combination to simultaneously hold world titles; Kaokor briefly held the WBA bantamweight title in 1989. But under their real names, Viroj (Kaokor) and Sura (Khaosai) Saenkham, the twins, like most conventional Thai boxers, first earned recognition as kickboxers.

Galaxy was 21 when he joined manager Niwat Laosunwanawat's boxing stable. He took the name Khaosai after a mountain range in his home province. Galaxy is the name of a famous Bangkok nightclub owned by Laosunwanawat.

It's not unusual for Thai fighters to adopt names that link them to their managers or gyms. Nor is it unusual for them to live at their gyms or, as they are known in Thailand, boxing camps. Laosunwanawat's camp is home to dozens of fighters, including top 115-pound contender Thanomsak Sithboabey.

While in training, the fighters survive on one meal a day. All bathing is done with cold water in a single shower unit. When Galaxy knocked out Dominican Eusebio Espinal to win the WBA 115-pound title in November 1984, he was afforded privileges—such as a mattress and a two-week furlough after fights—that are not granted to less accomplished fighters.

IT'S TIME THE WORLD DISCOVERED KHAOSAI GALAXY

Much of Galaxy's success can be attributed to his disciplined training regimen. His extraordinary conditioning may also have saved his life. Last December, he and his brother survived a near-fatal automobile accident. While Khaosai walked away with minor injuries, Kaokor suffered damage to one of his lungs and was held in an intensive care unit. Kaokor hasn't fought since, but he's reportedly been sparring with his brother and is eying a comeback.

Khaosai, however, never missed a moment. The pint-sized powderkeg, with dynamite in both fists, defended the title three times in 1990. Galaxy's intense training and incredible upper body strength have earned him a Tyson-like image within his own division.

"His torso is like that of a featherweight," said Joe Koizumi, *The Ring's* correspondent in Asia, who refers to Galaxy as "The Thai Tyson." "He destroys challengers. His appearance is fearsome. They truly become intimidated by his power."

Galaxy, a 5'4" southpaw, is an aggressive stalker and a vicious body-puncher. His most damaging blows are left uppercuts, usually delivered to the body, and right hooks.

"He's a brilliant puncher," Smoger said. "He works from top to bottom. And he's a nice finisher. If he catches you, you're in trouble."

But Galaxy has a bad habit of getting caught himself. Part of the reason his fights are so appealing is because he, too, is always in danger of getting knocked out. He's been dropped by Val de Vera, Alberto Castro, Kongthoranee Payakarun, and Cobra Ari Blanca.

"He can't endure a strong blow to the chin," Koizumi said. "However, he has good recuperative powers."

In three of the four bouts in which he was floored, Galaxy rose and eventually stopped his opponent. Against Payakarun, Galaxy recovered and applied so much pressure en route to a unanimous decision victory that his compatriot might have been referred to as Payaka*run (and run and run and run).*

"He's very exciting because he takes his share of punches," Smoger said. "Every defense could be his last."

At times, Galaxy's willingness to absorb punches may be by design. As much as he enjoys a brawl, he is a very intelligent fighter. He's described by Koizumi as being "one of the most skillful fighters in the Orient who can box just as well as he can punch."

Still, it has been Galaxy's reputation as a banger that has forced him to give away rounds in an effort to induce his opponents into exchanges. In his third title defense, against Edgar Monserrat, the Panamanian won the first round with relative ease. In round two, with Monserrat's confidence soaring, Galaxy deflated the challenger's title aspirations by chopping him down with a right hook.

Despite his incredible consistency and thrilling knockouts, Galaxy, 31, is slowing down. Even though he thoroughly cleaned out his division over the first four years of his reign, most observers feel he's become more selective in choosing opponents.

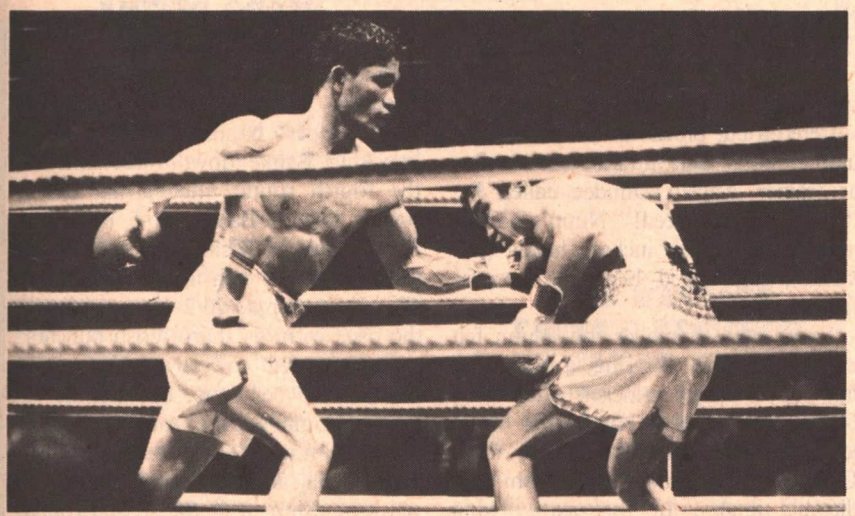
"He is now in the twilight of a brilliant career," Koizumi said.

Last year, Galaxy had two tough defenses against Kenji Matsumura; they were only the Japanese's 13th and 14th pro fights. Galaxy did, however, raise the level of his opposition in 1990, knocking out the dangerous Blanca, world-class Shunichi Nakajima, and former WBC flyweight champion Yong Kang Kim.

What has hurt Galaxy's international image is his unwillingness to fight in the West. He has, in effect, become a victim of his own popularity.

As we went to press, Galaxy was preparing for his 16th title defense, against Panama's Ernesto Ford in Petchaboon. The Thai legend has hinted that should he reach 20 successful defenses, he will retire. An adherence to such a schedule would probably preclude a showdown with IBF junior bantamweight champion Robert Quiroga, attractive contender Johnny Tapia, or Nigerian Kid Akeem, all of whom are unbeaten.

While a fight against one of those American-based fighters would increase Galaxy's visibility in the West, Quiroga, Tapia, and Akeem would seem to need him more than he needs them. After all, no matter whom Galaxy fights next, his title reign has been out of this world. ■

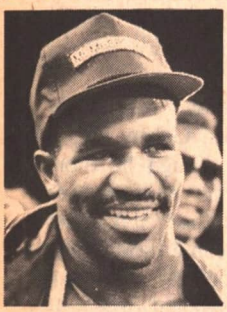


The magnificence of Galaxy's upper torso is in evidence as he pummels Kenji Matsumura during a 1989 title defense. Living at his gym and eating one meal a day allows the champion to keep his weight down.

RINGSIDE REPORTS

FIGHTER OF THE MONTH: Evander Holyfield

It seems Holyfield's fate that he'll never be fully acknowledged for his accomplishments. When "The Real Deal" was a 190-pound champion, it was easy to dismiss his status because the cruiserweight division was anything but real. (Never mind that to win the crown, he had to survive a fantastic battle against the still-special Dwight Qawi.) Now Holyfield is the sole heavyweight champion. But his title-fight triumph will be remembered as much for Buster Douglas' paunch as for Holyfield's punch.



Holyfield's first defense will be against George Foreman, who is almost old enough to ride the bus for half-price. The champion is a heavy favorite, and, as such, isn't going to receive much credit should he win. Nor will he win additional fans. Foreman's crunching punch aside, beating up a senior citizen isn't going to be viewed as socially acceptable behavior, especially when that senior citizen is as popular as Big George.

Maybe Holyfield won't be held in esteem until he kayos Mike Tyson. Until then, he'll have to find comfort in his $20-million paydays. The money can't buy him a place in the Hall of Fame, but at least he can be sure that he'll be appreciated by the tax man.

MICHAEL NUNN-DONALD CURRY

PARIS, FRANCE—Only two years separate Nunn, 27, the IBF middleweight king, and Curry, 29, the former welterweight and junior middleweight titlist. The difference, however, might as well be 10.

Nunn, greeted warmly by the 15,128 in attendance at the Palais de Omnisport in Bercy, a suburb of Paris, moved easily and punched freely throughout. But Curry, after a strong start, faded, though not as drastically as he had in his last championship effort, a dreadful decision loss to unexceptional Frenchman Rene Jacquot in February 1989.

"Anytime you come out of a fight you lose, retirement's the first thing you think of," Curry said after being stopped. "I don't really want to make any decisions right now."

Both promoter Bob Arum and Akbar Muhammad, Curry's adviser, recommended the retirement of "The Lone Star Cobra," who is financially secure.

Curry, 158, Ft. Worth, Texas, 33-4 (24), marched forward from the start and occasionally reached the awkward Nunn, 159¾, Davenport, Iowa, 36-0 (24), with hooks. He seemed the more purposeful puncher, and, at worst, split the first four rounds, though he suffered a cut on his forehead after an unintentional butt in the second. But as trainer Angelo Dundee called for "speed, speed, speed!" Nunn's advantages in reach (five inches), height (2½ inches), and speed began to become factors.

Faced with a smaller foe, Nunn felt no need to circle the ring, a tactic that had led to heavy criticism after some of his recent efforts. His flurries began to land consistently in the fifth, when Curry began to punch only from predictable angles. In the sixth, Nunn landed numerous potshots, and in the seventh, a combination, highlighted by a left uppercut and straight left, dropped Curry in his own corner. The Texan beat the count of American referee Denny Nelson and survived the round.

Curry looked spent in the eighth, and before the ninth, Dundee told Nunn, "Michael, the guy is so ready . . . the sucker is scared!" Curry didn't crash again until the 10th, when 14 unanswered blows sent him to the floor for the count.

"I knew he was gonna stay hurt [after round seven]," said Nunn, who described this performance as his best since his title-winning kayo of Frank Tate in July 1988.

Nunn, who had grown accustomed to fighting for $1-million per bout, was paid $638,250 for this, his fifth defense. Curry earned $212,750.

The judges were all Americans: Henry Grant, Al Rothenberg, and Sheila Martin. The promoters were Charles Bietry and former world middleweight challenger Jean-Claude Bouttier. Among those in attendance: former middleweight king Marvin Hagler, who received a thunderous ovation. (10-18-90)

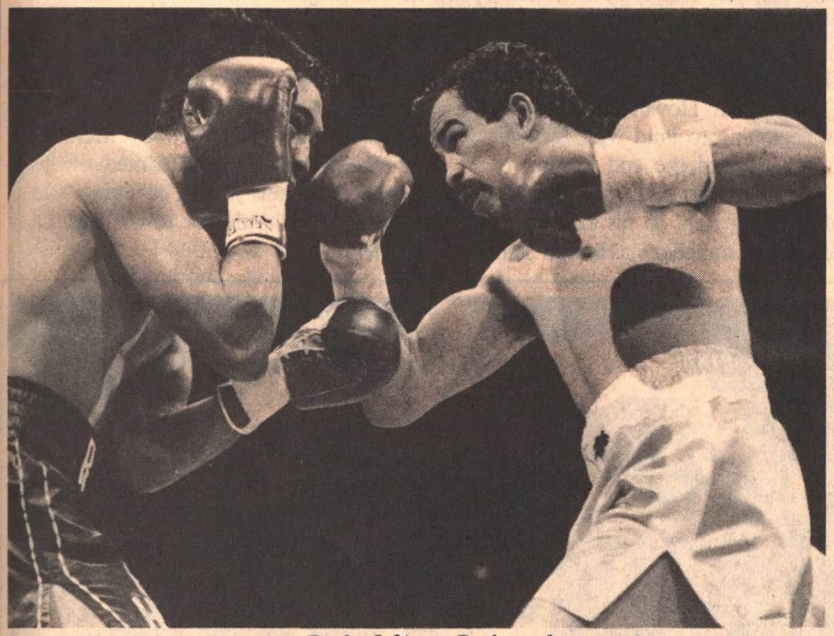
PEDRO DECIMA-PAUL BANKE

INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA—Argentine Decima easily took the WBC super bantamweight title by knocking Banke down three times in the fourth round after giving him a boxing lesson. Banke, 20-5 (11), now fighting out of Richfield, Utah, hardly threw a good punch in the entire fight, allowing Decima, 26-2 (18), to dictate the pace with his sharp, crisp punches.

Banke tried to crowd Decima as soon as the bell rang, but Decima remained composed and easily picked off Banke with a variety of punches directed from all angles. Decima dished out more punishment in the second round, and by the middle of the third, Banke

was already shot. In the fourth, Banke was floored by a right, and upon his rise, he was pinned in his own corner, where he again fell to the canvas following a vicious series of combinations. The final knockdown was a right hand after a setup left hook. Referee James Jen Kin had seen enough of this one-sided contest. It was stopped at the 2:35 mark, much to the delight of the many Argentine fans in the crowd.

Banke picked up $60,000. He must surely take a long rest, or even consider retirement. He has no defense whatsoever, and his well-publicized lack of sparring finally caught up with him. Decima, on the other hand, was worth every penny of the $7,500 he picked up for his efforts. A rematch with Banke is a possibility, as are fights against 118-pound champion Raul Perez or Tracy Patterson. A month prior to this fight, a discouraged and frustrated Decima was reportedly ready to quit boxing, but he then got the call from Los Angeles, and now finds himself a deserving champion.



Banke (left) gets Decimated

Another Argentine to make a hit was charismatic southpaw lightweight Fabian Tejeda, 135½, Buenos Aires, who remained unbeaten at 23-0 (21) when he stopped Cesar Martinez, 135¾, Mexico, in the third round. Tejeda took control early, switching leads to frustrate the outclassed Mexican. Tejeda could have ended the fight in the second, but was so anxious to put on a good show that he rushed his attack and allowed Martinez into the fight. The end came quickly in the third, when a looping left had Martinez down. Although he got up in time, he was far too groggy, and referee Chuck Hassett quite rightly stopped the contest. Martinez fell to 29-6-1 (19).

The third Argentine on the bill, Robert Moran, 118½, won a hard-fought 10-rounder over Virgilio Openio, 122, Philippines. Moran remained unbeaten at 17-0-1 (7), while Openio lost his first contest, falling to 19-1-3 (11).

John Chavez, 126½, Azusa, decisioned Louis Hernandez, 126½, Redlands, over eight rounds.

Cecilio Espino, 114, Monterey Park, kayoed Eduardo Castro, 119, Mexico, in three.

Liaso Braimoh, 140, Las Vegas, kayoed Ricky Quiles, 138, San Diego, in five.

Promoter: Forum Boxing Inc.
Matchmaker: Antonio Curtis
Announcer: Jimmy Lennon Jr.
Attendance: 6,114
(11-5-90)

Michael Hepworth

LUIS MENDOZA-FABRICE BENICHOU

PARIS, FRANCE: On the undercard of Nunn-Curry, Colombia's Mendoza, who had captured the vacant WBA junior featherweight title with a kayo of countryman Ruben Palacios only five weeks before, made his first defense, scoring a split 12-round decision over France's former champion Benichou.

Mendoza, 28-2-2 (16), displayed the patience and timing needed against a free puncher like Benichou, 26-10 (14). The first two rounds were used for studying, as neither fighter offered any offense. In the third, however, Benichou began to swing wildly. He was successful with a few rights in the fifth and during the sixth, which featured toe-to-toe action.

Predictably, the crude challenger faded in the late rounds. His attempts to rally in the 11th and 12th were easily neutralized by Mendoza's counters and attacks to the body.

The scoring seemed unfair to the champion. Carol Polis (United States) had Benichou a 115-114 winner, while Nelson Vasquez (Puerto Rico) and Ove Ovesen (Denmark) scored for Mendoza by respective counts of 116-113 and 117-113.

On an interesting undercard, European light heavyweight champion Tom Collins was outpointed over 10 rounds by French gypsy Pierre-Frank Winterstein in a non-title affair. The European Boxing Union refused to sanction the bout as a title fight because Winterstein had been inactive for almost a year and had never before boxed at light heavyweight.

Collins was almost kayoed in the sixth, and fought without enthusiasm. He rallied over the last three rounds to make it close, but Winterstein triumphed by split decision.

French lightweight prospect Pierre "Bibi" Lorcy won a close eight-round decision over WBC International super featherweight champion Pedro Gutierrez, Argentina. Lorcy scored a third-round knockdown and won by scores of 78-76, 78-77, and 77-77.
(10-18-90)

SUNG KIL MOON-KENJI MATSUMURA

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA—Have you ever heard of a boxer winning three world title bouts due to his own bleeding? Moon, 115, retained the WBC super flyweight title, as he was awarded a technical verdict over Japanese challenger Matsumura, 115, after the fifth round at the Hanyang University Gymnasium. It was Moon's second defense. Moon has also topped Nana Konadu and Kaokor Galaxy via technical decisions.

The 30-year-old Nakajima, formerly a schoolteacher, proved no match for

the scrappy Korean. Moon, 27, was an early starter as usual, dropping the challenger twice in the opening session. Jesus Arias Torres, the Mexican referee, issued mandatory counts both times, and the challenger continued fighting. Matsumura had battled Khaosai Galaxy twice in bids for the WBA throne, losing by decision and 12th-round TKO. He seemed, however, to neglect his fight plan, and mixed it up roughly with the pugnacious champion.

Moon was in command in the next two rounds. The third round saw Matsumura fall on the seat of his trunks after absorbing Moon's left and right hooks. The Japanese challenger threw roundhouse blows, and often showed a lack of balance.

Midway through round three, Moon began bleeding from a gash under the left eyebrow caused by an accidental butt. Matsumura fought all-out in the fourth, which he won by a slight margin. He mixed with the bleeding champion and connected with desperate hooks to the face and to the side of the belly, though he also absorbed a few strong shots.

In the fifth, Moon suffered another cut, under the right eyebrow, and his face was covered with blood. They exchanged wild rallies and repeated head collisions. Torres gave several warnings before deducting two points from Matsumura in that session.

After the fifth, the physician examined the champion's gashes and declared him unfit to continue. The scoring at the time of the stoppage: Barbara Perez (USA), 50-42, Anek Hontonkam (Thailand), 48-43, and Rizal Trinidad (Philippines), 49-43, all for the champion. The verdict raised Moon to 13-1 (10). Matsumura fell to 10-5-1 (6). Moon will be obliged to put his title on the line against former champion Konadu in his next defense, either in Korea or Ghana. Even people in Korea predict that their hard-punching but technically weak champion will be returning his crown to the African. (10-20-90)

Joe Koizumi

DENNIS ANDRIES-SERGIO MERANI

LONDON, ENGLAND—Andries, the WBC light heavyweight champion, made a triumphant homecoming to the Royal Albert Hall when a broken jaw, apparently inflicted in round two, forced his Argentine challenger to retire on his stool after four rounds.

The ending, naturally enough, proved very anticlimactic even though the contest itself had been bereft of any degree of intensity or drama. It was, however, another triumph for the seemingly unquenchable spirit of a man whose career was transformed more than three years ago, when he joined the Kronk gym in Detroit.

This was Andries' first defense of the title he regained for a second time last July, when he knocked out Jeff Harding. In so doing, he became the first British fighter to win the same world title on three separate occasions.

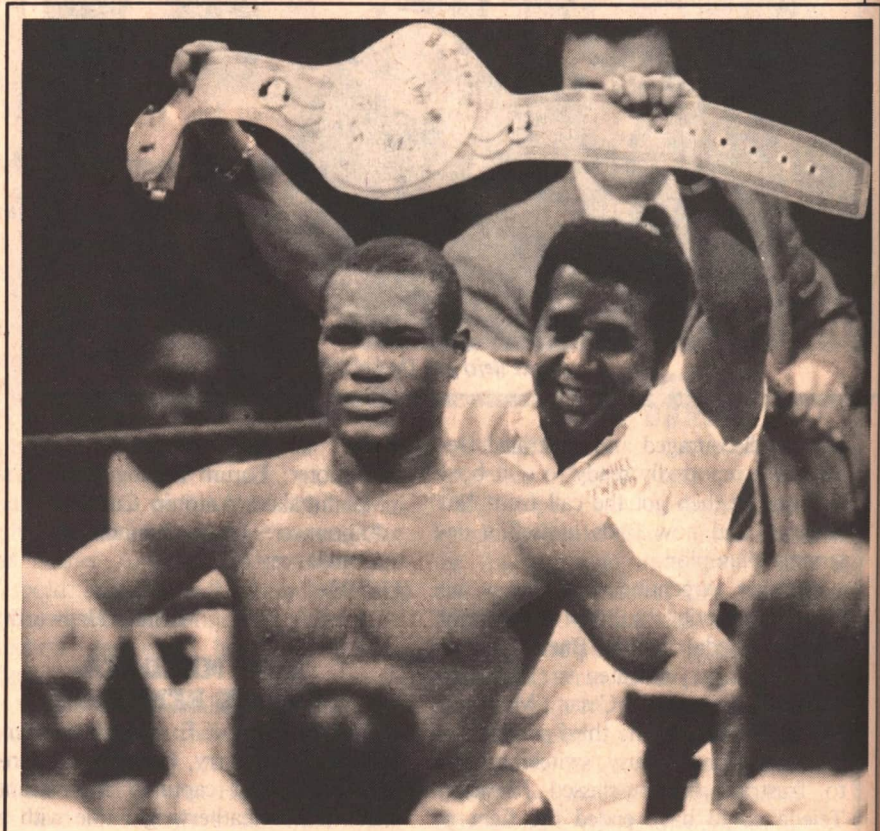
Merani, 173½, made a very confident and aggressive start. He appeared capable of firing punches through the guard of Andries with comparative ease. Employing an effective jab, he made good use of the ring to avoid most of the champion's retaliatory blows. The South American champion took the round on all three cards.

The challenger also controlled the second round. However, Andries, 39, was beginning to land with greater authority. Toward the end of the round he caught Merani with a powerful left and crushing right to his exposed chin. These two punches, although having no immediate visual effect, would seem to have been the blows that caused the damage to the Argentine's jaw. Nevertheless, it was another round for the confident-looking Merani.

The third round proved much better for the champion, 173¼, as he found it easier to get inside Merani, who was showing obvious discomfort every time he got hit. A right hand, Andries' best punch, did further damage to Merani's weakened jaw. At the end of the round, the Argentine went back to his corner spitting blood and looking concerned for the first time.

Round four was testimony to Merani's courage, as he battled away for the full three minutes despite being in conspicuous distress. At one stage, Swiss referee Franz Marti inspected Merani's jaw. At the end of the round, the ring doctor was called to examine the challenger.

Confusion surrounded the start of the fifth round. The bell rang with Merani still on his stool, and Andries had his arm raised by the referee. The crowd, initially perplexed by Merani's retirement, was soon informed of his suspected broken jaw. The injury was diagnosed by the doctor to the anguish of Merani.



One punch to the chin meant another Andries win

"I knew that I was breaking the man down," said Andries. "I would have got to him eventually in seven or eight rounds. He tried to frustrate me, but I just got on with the job."

Andries improved to 38-8-2 (24), while Merani fell to 25-3 (8).

Promoter: National Promotions
Announcer: Mike Shinfield
Attendance: 4,000 (estimated)
(10-10-90)

Brian Doogan

AZUMAH NELSON-JUAN LAPORTE

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA—When Nelson's wife Beatrice died of cancer late last summer, a little bit of him died, too. And because of that, the WBC super featherweight champion has found it increasingly difficult to focus on fighting.

Although Nelson retained the title for the fifth time via unanimous decision over former featherweight champion LaPorte at the Sydney Entertainment Centre, his effort lacked drive, passion, and aggressiveness. In past title fights, Nelson, 32-2 (24), had been the stalker. But in this bout, he found himself backing up and keeping LaPorte, 36-11 (19), away with jabs. Nelson, however, still did enough to outpoint his Puerto Rican foe.

LaPorte stunned Nelson during the fourth and seventh rounds, when he backed him into the ropes with a volley of powerpunches. (The challenger's offensive success was somewhat surprising; though always considered a good puncher, LaPorte hadn't registered a knockout in two years.) On both occasions, Nelson was able to slither away because LaPorte lacked the handspeed to finish him off.

If Nelson doesn't quickly regain his form, he can expect a *very* difficult time later this year when he defends against Australian triple-crown champion Jeff Fenech, who has held the bantamweight, junior featherweight, and featherweight titles.

"Based on this performance," said Al Braverman, the director of boxing for Don King, "Azumah figures to be about an 8-5 underdog [against Fenech]. It's the toughest fight of his career, and the most dangerous."

It could also be Nelson's last fight. And he knows it.

"It's having an effect on me," he said, acknowledging his personal problems. "I will see how I feel after the next fight. If I feel the same way, I will retire."
(10-13-90)

Mexico's Ricardo Lopez celebrates in Tokyo

RICARDO LOPEZ-HIDEYUKI OHASHI

TOKYO, JAPAN—Mexican Lopez, 104, impressively wrested the WBC strawweight crown by flooring defending champion Ohashi, 105, three times en route to a fine stoppage at 2:00 of the fifth round at Korakuen Hall. Ohashi was a prefight favorite due to his proven punching power. But Lopez, two years the champion's junior at 23, proved too sharp and aggressive for the nervous Ohashi. Lopez was in command in all rounds prior to referee Tony Perez' declaration of a TKO.

The Mexican started the opening round with fast jabs and one-twos, although most of them were blocked. Ohashi connected with a well-timed right cross, but it was his only solid blow.

In the second round, Lopez maintained his sharp punching despite Ohashi's tight guard. The champion was still cautious. Ohashi appeared very anxious to score a one-punch kayo, and he seldom tossed jabs.

The third round saw Lopez penetrate Ohashi's guard with sharp one-twos and left uppercuts to the chin. In round four, the fast and clever Lopez landed a well-timed right through Ohashi's peekaboo guard. Down went the champion. Ohashi stood up and resumed fighting to last the first crisis, though he was bleeding from the nose.

The finish came in the next round, when Lopez connected with a straight right to the face. The champion knelt down and barely pulled himself up. This time his damage looked serious, and the challenger desperately followed up with all he had. The Mexican pinned Ohashi to the ropes, and his accurate punches caught the target. A combination, followed by a vicious hook, sent Ohashi down for the second time in the round. Ohashi was so wobbly and helpless that the referee wisely called a halt.

The clearcut victory raised Lopez to 26-0 (18). (He was 37-0 as an amateur.) Ohashi dropped to 14-4 (9).

Scores after the fourth session: Terry Smith (USA) and Dalby Shirley (USA), both 40-35, and Ladislao Sanchez (Venezuela), 39-36, all in favor of the new champion.
(10-25-90)

Joe Koizumi ■

WORLDWIDE RESULTS

HEAVYWEIGHTS
Evander Holyfield KO 3 Buster Douglas
(Wins Unified Title)
Riddick Bowe KO 2 Bert Cooper
Francesco Damiani KO 2 Bigfoot Martin
Lennox Lewis KO 6 Maurice Chanet
Orlin Norris KO 1 Henry Hearns
Bruce Seldon KO 10 David Bey
Henry Tillman W 10 Linwood Jones
Tony Tubbs KO 6 Poncho Carter
Tommy Morrison KO 1 Mike Acey
Tony Willis KO 7 Loren Ross
Mike Evans KO 1 Rick Spain
Ossie Ocasio KO 8 Jess Harding
Markus Bott KO 4 Jose Morales
Markus Bott KO 3 Rick Kellar

CRUISERWEIGHTS
Anaclet Wamba KO 8 Andre Crowder
Derek Angol KO 8 Manfred Jassmann
Frankie Swindell W 7 Andrej Roudenko
Apollo Sweet Tech. Draw 1 Dave Russell
Tony Willis W 10 Juan Hernandez

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
Virgil Hill KO 8 Frankie Minton
(Non-Title Bout)
Jeff Harding KO 4 Stacey McSwain
Andrew Maynard W 8 Keith McMurray
Pierre-Frank Winterstein W 10 Tom Collins
Henry Maske KO 2 Mike Brothers
Steve McCarthy W 12 Serg Fame
Sugar Boy Malinga W 12 Sakkie Horn
James Flowers W 10 Tony Wilson
Vincent Boulware KO 8 David Graves

SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Tony Thornton KO 9 Carl Sullivan
Nelson Alex Alves W 10 Sean Mannion
Alex Ramos W 10 Ali Sanchez
Michael Dale KO 1 Joaquin Velasquez

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
Michael Nunn KO 10 Donald Curry
(Retains IBF Title)
James Toney W 10 Sanderline Williams
Gilbert Baptist W 10 Ron Collins
Alain Bonnamie W 10 Davey Hilton
Glenn Thomas KO 9 Richard Quiles
Denis Sigouin KO 5 Fernand Marcotte

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHTS
John David Jackson W 12 Chris Pyatt
Glenn Wolfe KO 3 Iram Zavala
Carl Daniels W 10 Oscar Ponce
Hector Hugo Vilte W 10 Jorge Castro

WELTERWEIGHTS
Aaron Davis KO 6 Jorge Maysonet
(Non-Title Bout)
Glenwood Brown W 10 Joe Alexander
Kirkland Laing KO 2 Rocky Berg
Lonnie Smith W 10 Antonio Garcia
Stephan Johnson KO 6 Vincent Pettway
Victor Davis KO 8 Edwin Curet
Gert Bo Jacobsen KO 4 Jeff Bumpus
Gaetan Hart W 10 Michel Galameau
Mickey Hughes KO 8 Gary Jacobs

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
Julio Cesar Chavez KO 4 Rocky Balboa
(Non-Title Bout)
Charles Murray W 12 Micky Ward
Pat Barrett W 10 Dwayne Swift
John Meekins KO 1 Alfredo Rojas
Harold Brazier W 10 Rico Hernandez
Harold Brazier KO 4 Rick Kaiser
John Duplessis W 10 Larry Benson
Oba Carr W 10 Martin Quiroz

LIGHTWEIGHTS
Freddie Pendleton KO 1 Steve Larrimore
Anthony Jones KO 7 Francisco Alvarez
Fabian Tejeda KO 3 Cesar Martinez
Sharmba Mitchell KO 7 Robert Byrd
Kelcie Banks W 10 Felix Gonzalez

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
Joey Gamache W 12 Jeff Franklin
Maurizio Stecca W 8 Rafael Moran
Daniel Londas KO 6 Salvatore Curcetti
Kamel Bou-Ali KO 2 Pedro Villegas
Harold Warren W 10 Rogelio Lopez
Regilio Tuur KO 1 Ramon Tirado
Kevin Pritchard KO 4 Hugh Forde
Robert Dickie KO 10 Barrington Francis

FEATHERWEIGHTS
Louie Espinoza KO 4 Les Fabri
Paul Hodkinson KO 3 Guy Bellehigue
Tom Johnson KO 1 Gilberto Martinez
Jackie Gunguluza W 10 Nelson Rodriguez
James Pipps KO 2 Eduardo Rodriguez
James Pipps KO 2 Jose Favila

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHTS
Pedro Decima KO 4 Paul Banke
(Wins WBC Title)
Luis Mendoza W 12 Fabrice Benichou
(Retains WBA Title)
Jesus Salud KO 6 Francisco Valdez
Jemal Hinton KO 5 Rafael Ortega
Noree Jockygym KO 2 Noce Luckman
Yong Hoon Lee W 10 Edgar Apatan

BANTAMWEIGHTS
Luisito Espinosa KO 1 Chun Yong Man
(Non-Title Bout)
Greg Richardson W 12 Eddie Rangel
Javier Leon W 10 Fernie Morales
Donnie Hood W 12 Samuel Duran
Johnny Vasquez KO 2 Martin Mora

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHTS
Moon Sung Kil Tech. Dec. 6 Kenji Matsumura
(Retains WBC Title)
Kid Akeem KO 1 Ricardo Mijares
Nana Konadu KO 3 Diego Duran
Johnny Tapia Tech. Win 7 Santiago Caballero
Torsak Pongsupa W 10 Romy Navarette
Katsuya Onizuka KO 10 Shunichi Nakajima

FLYWEIGHTS
Jonathan Penalosa W 10 Jae Hyun Kim
Jerry Penalosa W 10 Bert Refugio
Dodie Penalosa Tech. Draw 2 Ric Siodora
Yun Un Chin KO 3 Jerry Tarona

LIGHT FLYWEIGHTS
Yuh Myung Woo W 12 Leo Gamez
(Retains WBA Title)
Michael Carbajal KO 5 Luis Monzote
(Non-Title Bout)
Muangchai Kittikasem KO 1 Vic Galme

STRAWWEIGHTS
Bong Jun Kim W 12 Silverio Barcenas
(Retains WBA Title)
Ricardo Lopez KO 5 Hideyuki Ohashi
(Wins WBC Title)
Phalan Lookmingkwan W 10 Byong Chol Kim
(Non-Title Bout)
Ala Villamor KO 2 Nico Thomas
Chana Porpaoin KO 2 John Medina

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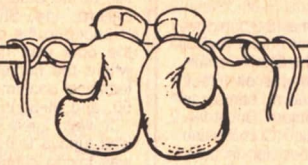

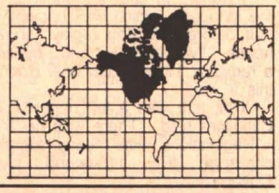

NORTH AMERICA

UNITED STATES

CALIFORNIA

INGLEWOOD—Great Western Forum—Former world champion **Jorge Vaca** redeemed his dwindling reputation when he captured the IBC junior middleweight title from **Quincy Taylor** via sixth-round technical decision. Vaca, 153¾, Mexico, was declared the winner following a nasty clash of heads. The Mexican, 42-8-1 (34), was ahead on all three cards (scores of 50-45, 49-46, and 48-47). The crestfallen Taylor, 154, Dallas, dropped to 14-2 (11). Vaca briefly held the WBC welterweight crown following a similar incident in London against Lloyd Honeyghan. He fully deserved the victory over Taylor, even though the latter was beginning to come on after beginning to figure out the veteran's style.

Vaca appeared in tremendous shape, and he immediately took the fight to Taylor, stinging the younger fighter with a series of short uppercuts that did much damage. Vaca used his advantage in experience throughout the fight. As their heads clashed, both men recoiled in pain, and ringside physician Bernard Schwartz called a halt to the proceedings after examining the deep cut on Vaca's forehead.

Top-rated middleweight Reggie Johnson, 163, Long Beach, disposed of journeyman Ralph Ward, 165, Atlantic City, after seven rounds of less-than-scintillating action. Johnson pounded away the entire fight against the clumsy and awkward Ward, who spent most of the time on the canvas from stumbles and slips.

Ward tried to take the fight to Johnson in the sixth, smothering him on the ropes. In the seventh, however, Johnson retook control. After seeing Ward flop toward his corner at the end of the round, referee James Jen-Kin decided to put the crowd out of its misery by stopping the fight. Johnson, who struggled a bit, improved to 27-1-1 (19). Ward is 13-4-1 (4).

Arthur Williams, 194½, Las Vegas decisioned Terry Vemers, 196, Fresno, over eight rounds.

Cecilio Espino, 113, Mexico, kayoed Rogelio Martinez, 110¾, Bell, in four.

Tony Weaver, 173, Diamond Bar, kayoed Jesus Castaneda, 175¼, La Habra, in one.

Floyd Weaver, 157¼, Diamond Bar, stopped Jeff Fields, 154¼, San Diego, in two.

Attendance: 5,164
(10-8-90)

Michael Hepworth

GEORGIA

MARIETTA—Cobb County Civic Center—Journyman **Ricky Stackhouse**, 161, Atlanta, overwhelmed **Anthony Boyd**, 166, Knoxville, Tennessee, en route to a third-round TKO. Stackhouse, 22-12-1 (13), dropped Boyd twice in the second round, and once in the third. Although Boyd was up at the count of six, he was in no shape to continue and the bout was stopped.

Pat Johnson, 142, Cartersville, 2-0, pounded out a four-round unanimous decision over Bruce Newby, 142, Knoxville, Tennessee.

Eddie Malone, 147, Knoxville, easily won a four-round unanimous decision over Jerry Smith, 148, Atlanta.

Will Awesome, 250, Atlanta, and Ken Bunch, 230, Rome, threw heavy leather for two rounds until Bunch ran out of gas. Awesome pounded Bunch all over—and out of—the ring until referee Barry Richardson wisely stopped it in the third, giving Awesome a TKO win in his pro debut.

Southern Boxing Association welterweight champion Lee Fortune, 148, Rome, 13-1-1, stopped Al Thompson, 152, Knoxville, in the second round of a non-title bout. Referee: Al Pruitt.

Promoter: Peachtree Promotions
Referees: Al Pruitt, Barry Richardson
Judges: Kevin Concoran, Irwin Deutsch, Don Pruitt
Physician: Dr. Vic Bouquette
Matchmaker: Jerry Hill
(9-21-90)

Frank Whitecotton

INDIANA

INDIANAPOLIS—The Sherwood Club—**Craig Houk**, 148, Greensburg, 20-1, won a hard-fought 10-round unanimous decision over **Rico Hernandez**, 157, Broken Bow, Oklahoma. Hernandez floored Houk in round five. Houk, despite being dropped in the fifth, dominated most of the bout and dropped Hernandez in rounds six and 10. The scores were 97-90, 97-93, and 98-92.

Buck Smith, 164, Oklahoma City, won a unanimous six-round nod over Keheven Johnson, 163, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Tony Davi, 159, Mt. Royal, New Jersey, knocked out Richie Lee Roberts, 163, Indianapolis, at 59 seconds of the opening stanza.

Kevin Sedam, 148, Indianapolis, won a majority decision over Vernon Garrett, 147, Oklahoma City.

Corkey Lonaker, 137, Columbus, and Hector Ramirez, 136, Columbus, fought a spirited four-round no decision bout.

Promoter: Fred Berns
Matchmaker: Pete Susens
Referees: Gary Guiden, George DeFabis
Judges: Mike Kelley, Lance Rhodes, Gary Merritt
Attendance: 500 (estimated)
(11-1-90)

Gary L. Merritt

LOUISIANA

VINTON—Texas Longhorn Club—On a live undercard to a closed-circuit telecast of Holyfield-Douglas, **James Pipps**, Vidor, Texas, stopped **Jose Favila**, San Antonio, Texas, at 1:49 of the second round; featherweights. Favila was appearing under the false name of Eduardo Rodriguez.

John Gardner, Terrytown, stopped Rodney Jones, Lake Charles, at 1:22 of the second; middleweights.

Kenny Shepherd, Port Arthur, Texas, made his first start in more than three years and stopped John Marlboro, Westlake, at 1:22 of the third; junior middleweights.

Richard Gobert, Lake Charles, stopped Cassius Clay Jones, Port Arthur, at 1:57 of the second; welterweights.

Bomani Parker, Richmond, California, stopped Tony Oville, Port Arthur, at 1:55 of the first. Oville had been stopped in Lake Charles on October 9, but was allowed to fight here only 16 days later. Where was the commission on this one?

Lou Savarese, Houston, 15-0, scored an easy first-round kayo over unknown Johnny Rafferty, Lake Charles; heavyweights.

In a scheduled four-rounder, Herbie Bivilacqua, New Orleans, stopped fleet-footed but light-hitting Davey Lumus, Orange, Texas, midway through round three; featherweights.

Promoter: Two-Punch Promotions
Matchmaker: Gordon Woods
Attendance: 3,300
(10-25-90)

Moises Bertrand

MARYLAND

ROCKVILLE—Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza—Most of the crowd came to see D.C light heavyweight **Tim "Da Bamma" Hillie**, 176, duel with diminutive **Dean Moore**, Forest City, North Carolina, 9-15-2 (3), who had recently given cruiserweight contender Richard Mason a scare here. But while much of the crowd pulled for the underdog Moore, Hillie, 10-0-1 (4), handled him more easily than Mason had, even though he tired from Moore's bodypunches and did not finish strong. Hillie gave Moore a variety of angles, and, using his exceptional hand speed, landed an assortment of counter flurries. The scores: 79-74, 78-75, and 77-75. Karl Milligan refereed.

In a six-rounder, Dominican native Wilfredo Delacruz, 132, 4-4-2, overpowered Kato Wilson, 12-11-2 (6), New York.

Localite Les Johnson, 149½, 5-0 (2), won a six-round unanimous decision over Calvin Moody, 152, Portsmouth, Virginia, 2-6. Greene refereed.

In the card's best fight, Alphonso Dyer, Washington, D.C., 158¼, 1-1, went toe to toe with lefty William Tibbs and won a four-round split decision.

Hyattsville's Eric Elliot, 159, opened his fight ledger with a first-round blowout over reported 32-year-old punch eater Jeff Schmude, 160, Erie, Pennsylvania, 0-2.

Promoter: Don Elbaum
Attendance: 700 (estimated)
(9-25-90)

Charles R. Lewis

MASSACHUSETTS

TAUNTON—Holiday Inn—**John Rafuse**, 20-12 (7), likes home cooking, and he especially likes being able to fight in his home area. Rafuse, 143, Malden, won his second consecutive knockout victory as referee Jordan Picot rescued Toronto's **Rick Souce**, 144, from a blistering body attack 50 seconds into the sixth round.

Although Rafuse is the New England junior welterweight champion, this scheduled 10-rounder was a non-title bout. Souce, 15-3 (4), was said to be using this fight as a tuneup before going after the Canadian welterweight title. Souce's long left jab was effective early in each round, but before long, Rafuse's relentless body attack would wear him down. Souce rallied a bit and won the fourth frame. He used lateral movement to avoid the brawling tactics Rafuse favored, but he couldn't sustain any momentum. In the final stanza, a Rafuse left hook to the kidney area crumpled Souce and referee Picot stepped in. The ending may have been a tad premature; the Canadian got up and started to answer with punches.

In the six-round semifinal, Paul "Stingray" Shorts, 152, Providence, made a successful comeback after an 18-month layoff, easily outboxing Jose Vera, 156, Bridgeport, Connecticut. Shorts, 10-1, had three wins on ESPN before a separated shoulder—resulting in his only loss—forced a lengthy hiatus.

But tragedy accompanied Shorts' comeback effort, as between rounds five and six, his manager, Lou Savino, collapsed in his corner. Ringside physician Jorge Tello was at Savino's side immediately, and two paramedics from the Taunton Fire Depart-

ment assisted him in attempts to revive Savino. Despite this prompt action, and rapid response by an ambulance, Savino was declared dead of an apparent heart attack about an hour later. Savino, 70, trained boxers with the Somerville Boxing Club, and was a familiar face throughout New England, with a well-deserved reputation as a raconteur.

In another six-rounder, slick Louis Veador, 142, Providence, was too quick for game Frankie Harris, 144, Norwalk.

Edwin Santana, 127, Lowell, 2-0, was too much for debuting Tony Rivera, 129, Norwalk, who didn't answer the bell for round two.

Five-time New England Golden Gloves titlist Ray Oliviera, 137, New Bedford, overwhelmed Carlos Marrero, 138, Norwalk, who didn't come out for round four.

Referees: Jordan "Tinker" Picot, Gerry Leone
Judges: Don O'Neill, Edward Marchand
Physician: Dr. Jorge Tello
Promoter: Goodwin A.C.—Al Valenti
Attendance: 600 (estimated)
(10-12-90)

Jay N. Miller

MICHIGAN

AUBURN HILLS—Southpaw **Anthony Jones**, 27-2, put the WBC Continental-Americas lightweight title on the line against Carribean champion **Francisco Alvarez**, 18-6-1, in a scheduled 12-rounder. Jones dropped Alvarez twice in the second round, but the scrappy Alvarez clinched in order to survive the round. The holding cost him a point after two warnings. (At one point, Alvarez pulled Jones down to the canvas.)

In the fourth, Jones opened a cut on the right eyebrow of the challenger, but after an examination, the ringside physician okayed a continuation. Jones got busy and dropped Alvarez on his face in the seventh, at which point the referee declared a halt.

Kronk heir-apparent Oba Carr, 141, won every round in his 10-round unanimous win over wiley veteran Martin Quiroz, 143, San Jose, California, 30-17-2 (23). No pushover (Quiroz derailed Anthony Jones last year via knockout), Quiroz remained dangerous throughout. Carr, 18, is 13-0 (10). The scores: 98-90, 99-90, and 99-90.

In an eight-round super middleweight bout, Kronk's Frank Liles, 173, Detroit, 10-0 (5), TKO'd Robert Curry, 174, Beckley, West Virginia, at 2:35 of the fourth round. Curry, 18-23 (3), was done in by a lack of conditioning. He was able to get some shots in, but couldn't sustain his offense.

Lightweight Stevie Thomas, 135¾, Pontiac, knocked out Aaron Shockley, 138½, Chicago, at 2:39 of the second round.
(10-31-90)

Thomas F. Paruszkiewicz, Robert Delaney

MINNESOTA

ST. PAUL—Roy Wilkins Auditorium—**Mike Evgen**, 140¾, St. Paul, 14-0 (7), took a fast-paced eight-round unanimous nod over **Gerald "Weasel" Shelton**, 140, Minneapolis. Evgen won every round and was never in any danger. He scored often with solid punches, especially to the body, but never put Shelton down. Shelton, 5-17 (1), who did more clowning than fighting, was a late replacement for Bryan Brown, who bowed out with a training injury. Referee: Denny Nelson.

Southpaw Jack Basting, 190, St. Paul, 17-5 (2), dropped Jimmy "Schoolboy" Baker, 196, Austin, Indiana, four times before the referee stopped the fight at 2:53 of the seventh round. Basting has reached main event status.

John "Hog" Sargent, 241, Naytahwaush, 7-0 (5), easily disposed of Aaron Green, 212, Milwaukee, 0-1, with the kayo coming at 2:58 of the first round.

Bob Butters, 142, White Bear Lake, 3-0 (2), won a close six-round decision over Blaine Biers, 142, Rochester, 1-3.

Larry LaCoursiere, 147, Hastings, stopped Remuse Caffe, 150, Milwaukee, 0-2, at 48 seconds of the first round.

Corky Loneaker, 136, Columbus, Indiana, halted Duane Barton, 130, Louisville, at 55 seconds in the second heat. Both were making their pro debuts.

Promoter: Erin Productions (Joel Montpetit, Jim Rogers)
Matchmaker: Ron Peterson
Referees, Judges: Denny Nelson, Carl Benson, Jerry LaGarde
Physician: Dr. Sheldon Segal
Attendance: 1,500 (estimated)
(10-24-90)

George D. Blair

MISSOURI

ST. LOUIS—The Henry VIII Hotel—**Carl "The Squirrel" Daniels** won the newly created Missouri state welterweight title with a TKO of **Gary Williamson** at 2:58 of the first round. The St. Louis native used a left-right to the body to drop Williamson, Kansas City, early on. Williamson, 16-5, got up and caught Daniels with a low blow, which only seemed to spur the new champion on. Three solid rights and a left dropped Williamson again. Just before the bell, Daniels dropped Williamson with a left hook to the head for the mandatory stoppage.

Alphonse Hunter, Minneapolis, made his pro debut—and hopefully his pro swan song—as he was stopped by debuting Steve Cook, 1-0, St. Louis, at 2:47 of the first round; heavyweights.

Localite Anthony Willis stopped Andrew Moore, Minneapolis, 2-1, with a right to the chin at 2:36 of the first; light heavyweights.

Tim Daniels, Birmingham, Alabama, 8-3, held local hero Paul Carlo, 8-0, for a round and a half of their six-round light heavyweight fight. Then Daniels was pushed backward, tripped over his own feet, and hurt his knee. The fight was ruled no contest at 1:09 of the second because of the injury. But a few days later, the Missouri Athletic Commission changed the verdict to a technical decision in favor of Carlo after his handlers presented evidence that Daniels had a trick knee and was not really hurt by the fall.

Freddie "Hard Rock" Norwood, 8-0, won a six-round unanimous decision over Gerald Shelton, Minneapolis, 6-7; featherweights.

Oney Hellms, 4-3, TKO'd Scott Robinson, 2-2, Minneapolis, at 2:31 of the third; featherweights.
Promoter: Gateway Boxing Promotions
Attendance: 900 (estimated)
(9-10-90)

ST. LOUIS—Clarion Hotel—Former WBA welterweight king **Milton McCrory**, 162, Las Vegas, showed that even ice can rust with a two-year layoff. But the former world champion still showed enough of his old skills to thoroughly trounce **Mike Sacchetti** over 10 rounds. McCrory, 34-3 (24), won by scores of 100-90 on all three cards over Sacchetti, 162¼, Pittsburgh, 19-9 (8).

"It felt great to be back in the ring," McCrory said. "I was worried about going the 10-round distance. I trained for about a month. My timing was off, and I couldn't connect with my right hand. I hope to fight again in a month and continue getting sharper, so that I can get a title fight within the next two years."

Light heavyweight sensation Ray Lathon, 171½, St. Louis, 3-0 (3), scored a first-round kayo over Bruce Stalworth, 172, Cincinnati, 3-3 (3).

Up-and-coming Glenn Thomas, 160¼, Wilmington, Delaware, 22-0 (12), TKO'd Jeff Bowman, 162¼, Chattanooga, 10-2 (6), at 2:15 of the third. Thomas dropped his foe three times in the decisive round.

Steve Young, 123, St. Louis, 8-0 (5), scored a unanimous four-round decision over James Walters, 127, New Orleans, 3-1 (2). Each fighter was given a $100 bonus by promoter Butch Lewis for putting on the evening's finest battle.

Bernard Maise, 134¼, New Orleans, won a unanimous four-round decision over Roger Bonine Jr., 134, Rossville, Georgia, in a battle of debuting pros.

Mark Smith, 131, Chattanooga, 10-1, took a unanimous six-round verdict over Alvin Josephs, 136, New Orleans, 12-6.

Steve Cook, 178, St. Louis, 2-0 (2), won by TKO at 2:55 of the first against Terry Early, 178½, Cleveland, 2-5 (2).

Wayne Boudreaux, 139½, New Orleans, debuted with a 50-second knockout of Rick Metcalf, 140¼, Huntsville, Alabama, 2-3.

Special guests included Michael Spinks, Maurice Blocker, and Joe Frazier.
TV: BET-TV
Attendance: 700 (estimated)
(9-21-90)

ST. LOUIS—Brian "Choir Boy" Brown, Evansville, Indiana, 19-7, captured a unanimous 10-round decision over **Alvin Joseph**, Chicago, 8-7, in a junior welterweight battle. The judges saw it 96-95, 98-95, and 98-92.

Local light heavyweight Paul Carlo, 9-0, stopped Gary Smith, Lexington, Kentucky, 7-4, at 2:09 of the sixth.

Featherweight Fred Norwood, 9-0, St. Louis, kayoed Kevin Betz, Covington, Kentucky, 6-3-1, at 2:59 of the first.

Frank Rhodes, Cincinnati, 6-2, squeaked out a unanimous six-round decision over super middleweight Stanley Lee, St. Louis, 4-1, in the night's best fight.

Randy Cross, St. Louis, 6-2, won by TKO at 2:49 of the first over Reggie Buse, Cincinnati, 2-6, in a four-round middleweight bout.

Steve Cook, St. Louis, 3-0 (3), knocked out light heavyweight Tony Washington, Cincinnati, 3-4, at 1:38 of the opening round.
Promoter: Gateway Promotions
(10-19-90)

Brent Williams

NEW MEXICO

ALBUQUERQUE—Johnny Tapia says he's ready for a crack at a world title. But bad luck almost caught up with Tapia, 114, Albuquerque, when he defended the USBA junior bantamweight title at the State Fairgrounds against **Santiago Caballero**, 114, San Diego. Tapia, 21-0-1 (12), was thumbed in the eye early in the seventh round and the bout was halted. It went to the scorecards, where the hometown hero came out a winner by technical unanimous decision. (Scores of 58-56, 59-55, and 59-55.)

It was Tapia's fourth defense. Caballero, who was furious that the bout was stopped (he felt he was taking control), slipped to 36-9-1 (24).

"I wanted to continue fighting," said Tapia after the stoppage, which was originally explained by a butt before television replays showed no clash of heads. "I've never quit and I never will. If he wants a rematch, I'll give him one. I don't even consider this a win."

"I hit him with a left uppercut," a disappointed Caballero said. "There was never a head butt."

Negotiations were nearly complete for Tapia to challenge IBF 115-pound champion Robert Quiroga.

1988 Olympian Miguel Angel Gonzalez, 132, Mexico City, 14-0 (12), made his U.S. debut with a kayo of Bobby Brewer, 129, Denver, 11-4 (7), at 2:56 of the third round. Gonzalez started slowly, steadily took control, then in the third connected with a right, a left to the body, and a four-punch combination to knock Brewer almost through the ropes. Brewer was only to his knees when the referee finished his count.

Formerly world-rated Adrian Arreola, 124½, Los Angeles, 34-15 (17), knocked out Freddie Hernandez, 124½, Mexicali, Mexico, 11-6 (7), at 1:39 of the fourth.

Danny Perez, 163, Albuquerque, 11-0 (5), captured a unanimous six-round decision over Kenya '88 Olympian Chris Sande, 160, Las Vegas, 9-2.

Abel Asinamaldi, 176, Santa Ana, California, 3-1 (1), took a six-round split decision over Jerome Hill, 179, Denver, 6-3-1 (3).
Attendance: 1,709
Television: Telemundo
(10-26-90)

Bruce Williams

NEW JERSEY

ATLANTIC CITY—Taj Mahal's Mark G. Etess Areana—With yet another title shot sewed up on little more than name value, **Bobby Czyz** was fed a "safe" opponent. Perhaps the lack of a challenge explains why Czyz, 179, Wanaque, looked a bit sluggish in trudging to a TKO of substitute **Horacio Brandon**, 178, Catamerca, Argentina, via Los Angeles, at 2:05 of the sixth, scheduled for 10.

Czyz marched dutifully forward, thudding hooks to Brandon's ribs and face. The Argentine's twisting, rolling motion took the edge off many of the shots, but only postponed the inevitable. Without much of an offense beyond arm punches, Brandon's rounds were numbered. In the third, Brandon, 12-3 (6), buckled Czyz' knees with a right uppercut off the ropes, as the former two-time champion was trying to apply a finisher after stunning Brandon with a right over the Argentine's left.

Apparently deciding enough was too much, Czyz went to work in the sixth.

"My trainer Tommy Parks kept telling me to use the jab," Czyz explained. "The knockout would come only if I wasn't trying for it. I settled back and caught him."

A jab herded Brandon into a corner, where a left-right to the body and right uppercut hurt him. Czyz came in with a straight right that dropped him for the count. Referee: Tony Perez.

In the co-feature 10, unappreciated Bryant Paden 134, Philadelphia, tattooed wily veteran Jose Vidal Concepcion, 133, New York City, with sharp, short counters from the opening bell, and commanded nearly every round into the eighth. Vidal put up a game effort, but was constantly frustrated by

Paden's defense and slick countering, and looked more worried as the bout wore on. In the eighth, Paden landed a sneak right that wobbled the Dominican, then followed up with pinpoint shots until Vidal's trainer, "Panama" Roca, threw in the towel at 1:59. Referee: Rudy Battle.

Slick Charles Brewer, 160½, Philadelphia, nailed vigorous but clumsy southpaw Fred Rivero, 161½, Corona, New York, with two left hooks and a right uppercut, as referee Battle stopped the scheduled six at 2:35 of the fourth.

Jeff Trimble, 123, Youngstown, Ohio, 1-1, dominated game but outclassed Jose Gonzalez, 126, Trenton, for a TKO at 2:41 of the second.

Returning Sam Speach, 226, Philadelphia, got off to a good start and hammered tough trialhorse James Holmes, 225, New York City, in a scheduled four. Holmes' holding and other survival tactics aggravated Perez, who disqualified him at 2:47 of the third.

Promoters: Bob Arum, Frank Gelb
Matchmaker: Ron Katz
TV: Telemundo
Attendance: 2,500 (estimated)
(9-21-90)

ATLANTIC CITY—Harrah's Marina—Perennial underdog **Rodney Moore** finally got his big win, topping a co-feature 10. Unfortunately, this wasn't the way to do it. Moore, 143, Philadelphia, had to withstand a late surge to hang on to an unpopular, though deserved, unanimous decision over **Jerry Page**, 145, Columbus, Ohio. Moore, 25-6-2 (11), started quickly, dropping Page in the second by digging a right under the ribs. The knockdown looked flukey, but the Ohioan hung on so desperately thereafter that referee Steve Smoger took away a point. A few rounds later, however, Moore lost command of the fight.

After the early pounding, the savvy Page effectively took away Moore's power by smartly stepping just inside the Philadelphian's long reach. Moore had to redouble his efforts to get room before exploding his combinations, and it noticeably cut down his output. Meanwhile, Page, 11-4 (6), inched forward and peppered away. Page was outhustling Moore and coming on by the late sessions, but his tardy start left him decidedly short of catchup time. Still, Moore's fizzle finish didn't set well with fans, who booed vigorously at scores of 95-93 (Thomas Kaczmarek) and 96-92 (Joe Pasquale and Frank Cairo).

In the other 10, Dave Tiberi, 19-2-3 (5), returned after a forced layoff from the savage cut suffered in the Tony Thornton fight. The popular Tiberi, 160½, New Castle, Delaware, showed signs of breaking out of the ticket-seller mold and taking on main event stature with a fifth-round TKO over rugged William McDonald, 160½, Chicago. Tiberi's quicker, sharper punches made the charging McDonald his own worst enemy, as the Chicagoan found himself walking into a chain saw, and took a fearsome going over. McDonald was cut and in trouble as early as the first, but stayed around through the fifth before finally deciding to remain on his stool. It was the first stoppage loss for McDonald, 9-6 (2). Referee: Randy Neumann.

Jake "The Snake" Rodriguez, 142¼, Central Islip, New York, was much too strong for Robert Hightower, 139½, Philadelphia, in a scheduled six. Hightower was down in the first, fought back gamely, but finally elected to stay in his corner, claiming an eye injury after the third. Referee: Smoger.

A rare battle of unbeaten prospects turned into a vigorous but terribly sloppy brawl, as lefty Kevin Tillman, 152, Philadelphia, 3-0 (2), won a six-round unanimous decision over Leo Edwards, 150¼, Philadelphia. All semblance of order dissolved early, as Edwards suffered a fluke knockdown, then responded by whacking Tillman below the belt, bringing a rest period, in the second. Edwards, 4-1 (3), swung wildly for the rest of the bout. Referee: Smoger.

Touted Jimmy DeOria, 132, Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, got all the action he wanted from switch-hitter Curtis Mathis, 132, Philadelphia, winning a majority decision in a punishing four. Referee: Neumann.

Lefty John Gaillard, 126, Hillside, suffered a brutal decision when his clear-cut beating of Richard Andrews, 128, Philadelphia, was declared a majority draw, four. Andrews started ambitiously, but began having second thoughts when stung by a right late in the first. A body attack had him nearly down in the third, and he was holding for dear life at the end. Referee: Neumann.

Promoter: Peltz Boxing Promotions
Matchmaker: J. Russell Peltz
Attendance: 500 (estimated)
TV: SportsChannel America
(9-24-90)

J.R. Jowett

ATLANTIC CITY—Trump Plaza Imperial Ballroom—With the crowd pleading "do something, Tony," former WBA heavyweight champion **Tony "TNT" Tubbs**, 30-2, stopped **Lawrence "Poncho" Carter**, Hilton Head, South Carolina, 22-3, at the end of the sixth round in a scheduled 10. Referee Frank Cappuccino, checking Carter's corner after the round, said, "Poncho told me he had enough."

Tubbs, 244½, looked heavy and slow. Carter, 229, was no better, especially since he once fought as an amateur at 160. He was apparently given his nickname because of the paunch around his midsection. It was everything you'd expect from two guys who were trying to pass themselves off as heavyweight fighters instead of just plain heavyweights who were past their primes.

World-ranked John "Super D" Duplessis won a 10-round unanimous decision over Larry Benson, 139, Lansing, Michigan, 27-15. Duplessis, 140, New Orleans, 36-1, showed superior quickness and ring savvy in pitching a near-shutout. Referee: Cappuccino.

Glenn Thomas, 160, Louisville, Kentucky, exploited the weak punching of Richard Quiles, 158½, New York City. While overly cautious, Thomas, 23-0, stopped Quiles, 7-5, at 2:25 of the ninth round in a scheduled 10. Referee: Earl Morton.

Good-looking middleweight prospect Bernard "The Executioner" Hopkins, 161, Philadelphia, stopped southpaw Darrin Oliver, 160, Newark, 2-4, at 2:10 of the first round. Hopkins, 7-1, dropped Oliver, and referee Cappuccino stopped the bout moments later.

In a see-saw four-round battle, King Solomon, 128½, Trenton, 3-1-3, won a split nod over "Blazing" Reyes Munos, 130½, Rahway, 4-2. Referee: Morton.

Donnie Archer, 126, Blackwood, 1-3-1, and Jason Fisk, 130½, Loudon, New Hampshire, 0-0-2, fought to a four-round draw. Referee: Morton.

Promoter: Butch Lewis
Matchmaker: Harold Weston
Judges: Lynn Carter, John Stewart, Phil Newman
TV: BET
Attendance: 903
(10-20-90)

Fred Blumstein

NEW YORK

ROCHESTER—Rochester War Memorial—Native son **Charles "The Natural" Murray**, 19-0 (12), 140, made his second victorious trip to his hometown as he pounded out a unanimous 12-round decision over **"Irish" Micky Ward**, 21-5 (14), 142, to win the vacant USBA junior welterweight title before 5,100 delighted fans.

Murray lost only the opening round before battering his opponent with numerous combinations to win the next 11, staggering Ward repeatedly in rounds 10 and 12. Ward showed little of the aggressiveness that had once made him a fringe contender. The judges scored 119-107, 119-107, and 120-107, all for Murray, who fights out of Essex, New Jersey. Ward hails from Lowell, Massachusetts.

John Wesley Meekins, 23-2-3 (16), 142, New York City, quickly knocked out Alfredo Rojas, 15-4 (6), Queens, New York, at 1:54 of the first round. Rojas ran into a straight right and was counted out by referee Frankie Adams. Meekins, the NABF junior welterweight champion, immediately issued a challenge to Murray.

In a bantamweight contest, Junior "Poison" Jones, New York City, 14-0 (10), knocked out Felix Marti, New York City, 12-4-3, at 2:16 of round six in an eight-round contest. Jones won the first three rounds and lost the next two before felling Marti with a three-punch combo in round six.

Greg Carriro, New York City, 2-0 (1), scored a unanimous four-round decision over Albert Cora, Binghamton, 0-2; junior middleweights.

Louis Pagan, Rochester, 3-2 (2), 144, won a unanimous four-round decision over Wilfredo Velez, Queens, New York, 4-3 (3), 143.

Willie Kemp, Syracuse, 9-2 (2), won permanent possession of Larry King, Rochester, 2-4 (2), by beating him for the third consecutive time. Kemp won a unanimous four-round decision; heavyweights.

Matchmaker: Ron Katz
Promoters: Jim Cassidy, Rocky Fratto
Television: ESPN
Judges: Don Nodecker, Donnie Ackerman, Harry Papacharalambous
Attendance: 5,100 (3,600 paid)
(10-18-90)

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NORTH DAKOTA

BISMARCK—Bismarck Civic Center—Journeyman **Frankie Minton's** battle scars couldn't withstand WBA light heavyweight champion **Virgil Hill's** pinpoint jabs, leaving referee Richard Steele no choice but to end the non-title bout between the eighth and ninth rounds.

Minton, 175, Indianapolis, Indiana, who had tried plastic surgery months ago to help his chronic bleeding problem (the cause of five of his nine losses), fought gamely, but crimson streams started flowing in the sixth. The end was just a matter of time.

"He was a beaten fighter," declared Steele. "And it was just going to get worse." Neither Minton, 26-9-1 (15), nor manager Pete Susens complained.

Hill's hometown fans, predictably craving some knockdowns (there were none), were incensed by the stoppage and booed loudly.

"Without those darned cuts all the time, there is no doubt in my mind that it would be me giving Virgil a shot, instead of the other way around," Minton softly stated during a prefight press conference.

Rumors circulated prior to the fight that Hill, 180, would be stripped of his WBA crown for taking the unsanctioned bout and not paying the $5,000 fee the WBA demands in such cases. But a day before the event, the WBA's Dr. Elias Cordova told *The Ring* that everything had been worked out. There was also some confusion as to whether Hill's next mandatory defense would be against Mike Peak, Guy Waters, or slugger Booker T. Word.

Michael Moorer was ringside with mentor Emanuel Steward, and Moorer expressed little enthusiasm for Hill's talents but nevertheless signed a contract with him in the ring at the fight's conclusion. ("Just a piece of paper," Hill explained later.")

"What could he do to me with those little .22s of his?" Moorer wondered. "I've got .44 magnums!"

Tocker Pudwill, 147, 4-0, Mandan, scored a unanimous four-round decision over Kevin Anderson, 150, 5-5, Tulsa.

Sonny "Boy" Brennan, 165, 6-0-1, Dunseith, TKO'd Bill Pryor, 170, 2-3, Memphis, in the second.

"King" David Sample, 135, 8-0, Memphis, registered a six-round unanimous decision over Tim Bonds, 138, 10-5, Tulsa.

Harold "Blizzard" Miller, 135, 11-3, Grand Forks, 135, TKO'd Kenny Williams, 138, 8-5, Memphis, in the eighth.

Buck Smith, 147, 54-2, Oklahoma City, scored an eight-round unanimous decision over Akbar Ali, 150, 17-6, Tulsa.

Promoter: Cap City Promotions
Referees: Ed Obregon, Ron Stander, Richard Steele
Attendance: 4,100
(10-27-90)

WILLISTON—Raymond Family Community Center—Contender **Harold Brazier** ripped flashy left-right-left combinations to **Rick Kaiser's** head almost at will en route to a fourth-round TKO to highlight what promoters here tagged "The Rumble on the Range."

The resident of South Bend, Indiana, was too much for Kaiser, a South Dakota construction worker. Brazier, who came within a single point of defeating former 140-pound titlist Roger Mayweather, told *The Ring,* "I'll go anywhere to fight anyone, anytime. The pressure of winning and losing makes me perform better."

Brazier, 33, who hold the IBF Intercontinental junior welterweight belt and is 55-4 since 1984, has only lost to Mayweather, Meldrick Taylor, Livingstone Bramble, and Juan Coggi over the past six years. The contender, 72-10-1, took charge from the opening bell, and sent Kaiser, 26-16-2, to the canvas in the second and twice in the third before referee Kevin McCarl stopped it with 1:17 remaining in the fourth.

Anthony Stephens, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 16-3-1, TKO'd Kareem Ali, Memphis, Tennessee, 13-7, at 1:37 of the sixth; junior welterweights.

Harold Miller, Grand Forks, 9-3, scored a sixth-round TKO over Daryl Bryant, Colorado Springs, Colorado, 13-9; lightweights.

Tocker Pudwill, Mandan, 3-0, won a four-round decision over Jim Kaczmarek, South Bend, Indiana, 4-7; welterweights.

Sonny Brennan, Dunseith, 5-0-1, scored a first-round kayo (at 1:33) over Bill Schaffer, Des Moines, Iowa, (3-6); super middleweights.

John Freeman, Fargo, 1-0, won a four-round nod over Sean Clarkson, Elkhart, Indiana, 1-2; light heavyweights.

Sean Eigenberger, Billings, Montana, 1-0-1, drew with Brian Broyles, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 0-0-1, over four rounds; junior lightweights.

Promoter: Dakotah Pro Gym
Referees: Kevin McCarl, Ron Stander
Attendance: 500 (estimated)
(10-20-90)

Doug Nassif

PENNSYLVANIA

BENSALEM TOWNSHIP—Neil Armstrong Middle School—Southpaw **Wayne Bertley**, 226, Philadelphia, kayoed **Terry Roberts**, 200, Atlantic City, at 1:24 of the second round, scheduled for six. Roberts should have made a competitive opponent, but was cut on the right eye in the first, then was deflated by a booming left to the heart. Referee: Ray Paquette.

In the only competitive match, southpaw Chris "The Worm" Guest, 165, Philadelphia, won a six-round unanimous decision over switch-hitter James Mazzucca, 166, Philadelphia. Referee: Ron Aurit.

Popular Kerry Judge, 228, Bensalem, didn't have much in front of him when he belted out lefty Calvin Jones, 210, Edenton, North Carolina, with two knockdowns. The end came at 1:28 of the first, scheduled for six. Referee: Paquette.

Returning prospect Ed Mack, 182, Philadelphia, took out used up Randy Rivers, 187, Trenton, who dropped on purpose, acting like he'd been thumbed, and quit at 58 seconds of the second, scheduled six. Referee: Aurit.

James Shetzline, 230, Bensalem, kayoed Lawrence Otey, 195, Philadelphia, at 2:20 of the first. Referee: Aurit.

Prospect Paul Denard, 140, Trenton, blew out Arthur Coates, 146, Philadelphia, who went down twice from rights, at 1:20 of the first. Referee: Paquette.

Carlos Dides, 140, Trenton, stopped Andrew Montgomery, 135, Philadelphia, at 1:13 of the first. Referee: Paquette.

Promoters: Tony Rancredi, Bensalem Boxing Association, Bensalem Chamber of Commerce
Matchmaker: Mickey Hauck
Judges: Ron Greenely, Manny Altman, Bill Nealon
(9-25-90)

J.R. Jowett

STANHOPE—Local sleeper **Greg Everett**, who trains at the Triple Threat Gym, fell short in a bid to become a household name at the expense of former titlist **Frank Tate**. Written off by many, Tate, 176, Houston, demonstrated in no uncertain terms that he's not about to become anybody's stepping-stone. The ambitious Everett, 173, Newark, started confidently, but the veteran Tate coolly waited him out, flooring him with a classy double right counter at the bell ending the first.

After a couple of hard-fought sessions, Tate, 26-2 (15), moved to a position of ascendancy, while Everett's fortunes waned. Taking advantage of the local's shortage of experience, the Texan patiently picked him apart with judicious short jolts, until Everett, 13-2 (12), began to take on the look of a beaten fighter. With the decision all but wrapped up, Tate decided to end the fight in the seventh. Slipping a roundhouse left hook, he deftly pirouetted off the ropes with a right counter to drop Everett. Tate then landed a slick mix of lefts and rights, flooring him twice more to end the scheduled 10 in a TKO at 1:45 of the seventh. Tony Orlando refereed.

The star of the show, however, was the lone Triple Threat entry, Alfred "Ice" Cole. Being coached to apply skill and ring generalship, Cole, 189, Essex County, looked sharp, TKO'ing substitute Matthew Brooks, 189, Houston, at 1:09 of the fourth, scheduled for eight. The game Brooks, 8-3-1 (4), took a fearsome beating from the start. Cole, 15-0 (8), mixed his punches in a numbing assortment, without his tendency to give up his reach in order to stand and trade. The southpaw Texan came forward willing to mix, but was thoroughly beaten to the punch. By the fourth, he was coming undone, and when a spearing right sent him sagging against the ropes to be worked over, Orlando stepped in.

Unheralded Brinatti Maquillon, 157, Corona, New York, won a punishing six-round unanimous decision over used up David Noel, 156, Port of Spain, Trinidad, who trains at Triple Threat. Referee: Orlando.

Freddie Liberatore, 127, Bayside, New York, was impressive, cutting down classy LeRoy Brooks, 125, Washington, D.C., at 1:52 of the third, scheduled for six. The winner was all over Brooks, didn't give him room to box, then slipped inside with a short right that rocked him badly. Brooks remained upright, but Liberatore stayed on him until referee Rafael Ramos halted it.

Jose Avile, 147, New York City, TKO'd Eddie DeLeon, 152, New York City, at 1:16 of the second. Referee: Ramos.

Vaunted "Poison" Junior Jones, 118, Brooklyn, kayoed Adam Aviles 119, Hartford, who folded meekly at 1:57 of the first. Referee: Ramos.

Patrick Rose, 150, New York City, completely outboxed Jasper Ray Goddard, 151, Gaithersburg, Maryland, for a unanimous win in four. Referee: Ramos.

Promoters: Marc Roberts, Bob Arum
Matchmaker: Ron Katz
Attendance: 2,000 (estimated)
TV: ESPN
Judges: William Kostrub, Al DeVito, Deborah Barnes
(9-27-90)

J.R. Jowett

RHODE ISLAND

WESTERLY—Windjammer Inn—**Sean Malone**, Wallingford, Connecticut, 139, sent the crowd home happy with a third-round TKO over Hartford's **Juan Torres**, 140, in the eighth round.

In the six-round semifinal, Providence's Louis Veader, 138, 8-0 (5), scored a first-round knockout of David Riley, 140, Troy, New York.

Joe Rocha, 224, Tiverton, had not fought in five years, but took up where he left off with a first-round TKO over Hartford's Gil Torrez, 209.

Eddie Colon, 136, Waterbury, won a unanimous four-round decision over Gene Reed, 134, Scranton, Pennsylvania.

In the opener, Kenny Rodriguez, 146, Waterbury, won a four-round decision over Hartford's Greg Cadiz, 142.

Referees: Richard Tierney, George Pesare, Armand Garo
Judges: Phil Addison, Dr. Clark Sammartino, James Burchfield, Robert O'Brien, Harry Thomas, Robert Paolino
Attendance: 260
(10-19-90)

Jay N. Miller

SOUTH CAROLINA

CHARLESTON—In the first pro show here in more than 18 months, the small but lively crowd got its money's worth. **Mike English**, 150, Columbia, and **Carlos Santana**, 150, Hilton Head, have been on a collision course for some time, and got together in what was to be an exciting eight-round bout. English came out in the first throwing punches, while Santana mugged and taunted him. In round two, Santana started to box and jab while English continued to charge and punch. At the end of the round, English had a cut over his left eye and complained that he could not see because of the blood. The ringside physician then stopped the bout. The referee said the cut was caused by an unintentional butt and declared the bout a technical draw.

The best fight of the show was a six-rounder between localite Charles Weddeburn, 158, Charleston, and unheralded Lennell Stroman, 153, Columbia. Weddeburn, 3-1, had not fought in 19 months and it showed, as Stroman, 2-2, took charge and used his reach and quickness to control every round. Weddeburn gave a good effort and showed lots of heart.

Richie Hess, 147, Bristol, Tennessee, 6-0, had little trouble with Marvin Clowney, 144, Spartanburg. The referee stopped the bout in round three, when Clowney took unanswered punches in a corner.

Middleweights Cliff Garfield, 159, Hilton Head, 2-0, and James Barron, 159, Hickory, North Carolina, started round one of their scheduled four like it was the fight of the year. Both came out throwing bombs. Barron hurt Garfield and decked him for an eight-count, but was unable to put him away. In round two, a wild left hook dropped Barron. He beat the count, but was floored again a few seconds later and was unwilling to continue.

In a scheduled six-rounder, Dave Jaco, 215, Sarasota, Florida, TKO'd Frankie Hines, 220, Shelby, North Carolina. Hines came out fighting hard and managed to take the first round, but in the second, Hines began to slow as Jaco made a brawl of it. Jaco continued to dominate in the third, causing the referee to give Hines a standing eight. Jaco landed at will in the fourth, and Hines received another standing eight. When the action resumed, Jaco trapped Hines in a corner and scored again. The referee stopped the bout with 57 seconds left.

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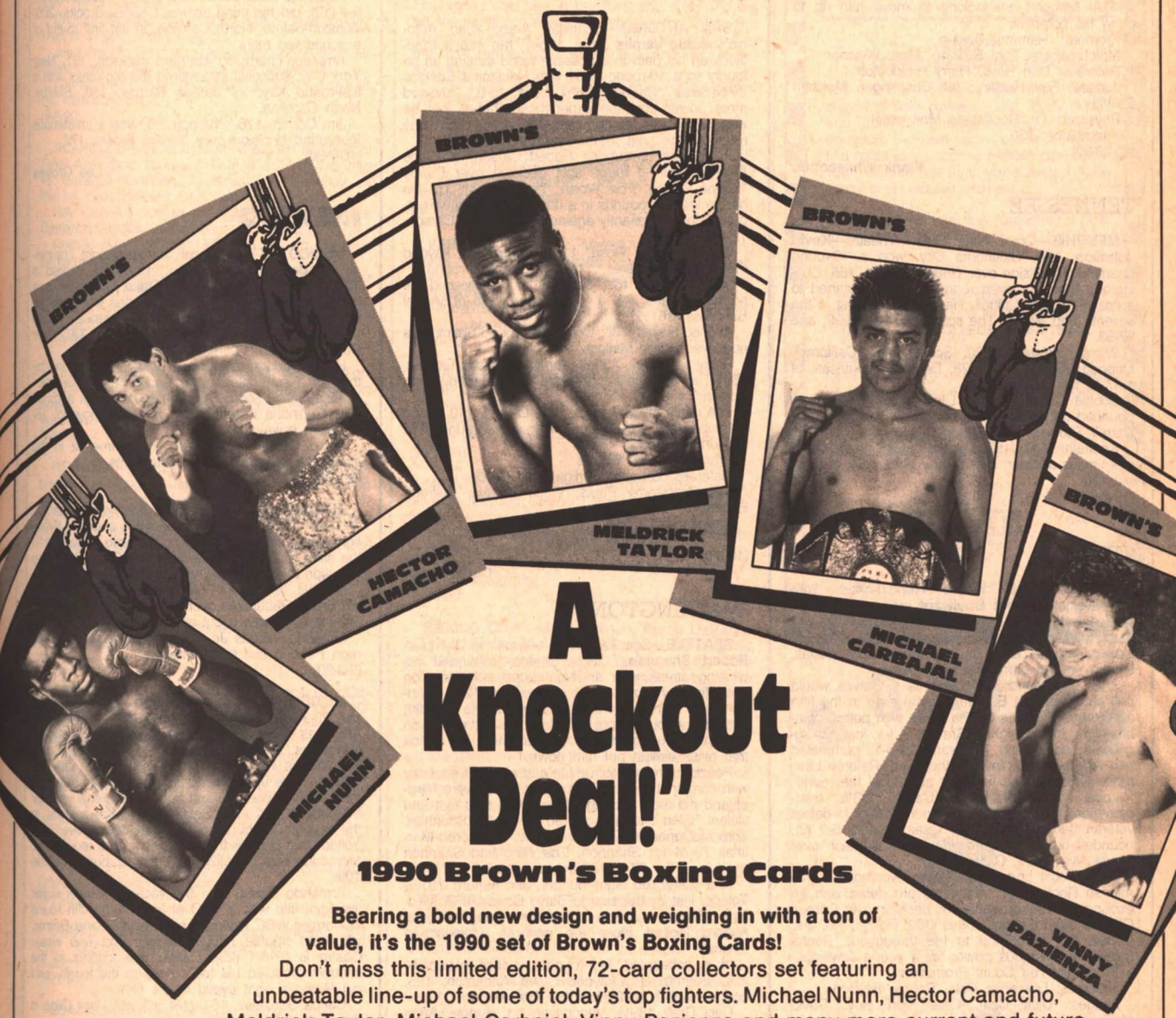

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Terry Miller, 205, Spartanburg, South Carolina, showed that he had no business in the ring with veteran Mike Cohen, 218, Hilton Head, South Carolina, as he ran and threw a few love taps. Miller was floored once in the first and three times in the second.

Artie Bright, 147, Charleston, 13-0, easily put away veteran Sam Lantion, 147, Spartanburg, in the first. Bright is much too good a boxer to be confined to local shows. Handlers Richard Kalmick and Al Meggett are looking to move him up to show his potential.

Promoter: Hammer Boxing
Matchmakers: Tom Sullivan, Marc Weisner
Referees: Don Hays, Harry Hitopoulos
Judges: Ray Heatley, Jeff Ensminger, Malcolm DeWitt
Physician: Dr. Rosemarie Morwessel
Attendance: 250
(10-20-90)

Frank Whitecotton

TENNESSEE

MEMPHIS—Omni New Daisy Theatre—**Kevin Johnson**, 156, Oklahoma City, won a 10-round unanimous decision over **Chuck Glover**, 155, Covington. After four even rounds, Johnson started to score with combinations. He dropped Glover in the seventh and eighth. The scores: 97-92, 98-92, and 97-93.

Wimpy Halstead, 220, Scenic Hills, California, stopped Mike Russell, 228, Decattur, Arkansas, at 1:47 of the fourth round.

Scottie Smith, 165, Little Rock, Arkansas, pounded out a four-round unanimous decision over Darrell Thomas, 170, Memphis.

Kenneth Kidd, 153, Jackson, took a six-round unanimous decision over Danny Vires, 154, Oklahoma City.
(10-2-90)

Frank Whitecotton

TEXAS

AUSTIN—Opera House—World-ranked light heavyweight **Vincent Boulware** took another step toward a title shot with an eighth-round TKO of tough **David Graves**. Boulware, 177, Houston, looked sluggish early on as Graves, 174, Dallas, landed several damaging body blows.

After four rounds, it looked as if Graves would pull an upset, but Boulware came alive in the fifth and trapped Graves on the ropes with potent combinations. In the eighth, Graves, 7-3-1, lost his aggressive edge, and Boulware, 22-3-1, pummeled him with a dozen blows to the head. Referee Lawrence Cole stopped the fight at 1:38 of the round.

Local lightweight Johnny Casas, 133½, overcame inexperience and a six-pound deficit to defeat veteran Jerry Grant, 140. Casas, Austin, 5-0 (3), pounded out a six-round unanimous decision over the elusive Grant, Dallas, 6-7-1.

In the most brutal bout of the evening, Austin's Alfonso Rocha, 107, made his pro debut with an exciting four-round unanimous decision over Corpus Christi's Juan Gabriel Cortez, 109. Rocha, 1-0, and Cortez, 0-1, stood toe to toe throughout. Rocha showed tremendous power for a young flyweight.

Promoter: Ten Count Promotions
Referees: Lawrence Cole, Ronnie Ralston
Judges: Dick Cole, Gale Von Hoy, David McCullough
Attendance: 450
(10-10-90)

HOUSTON—El Presidente Club—The initial promotion of Bud Burton and Gene Goodlow played to an enthusiastic but sparse crowd in this swanky venue adjacent to Hobby Airport.

Surviving a nasty gash over his right eye, Houstonian **Les Boulware**, 159½, won an eight-round unanimous decision over trialhorse **Phil Jones**, 158, Tyler.

Long and lean Ruben Navarez, 127, Fort Worth, outclassed the more experienced David Moreno, 123, Houston, en route to a TKO at 2:46 of the third round.

Terry "Killer" Bee, 173, Houston, stopped Ron McGowan, 172, Tyler, at 1:36 of round two with looping but powerful crosses, which sent the visitor wobbling across the ring. Both were making their pro debuts.

In a wild and wooly four-rounder, Vince Jones, 219, Houston, decked Norman Eason, 225, Fort Worth, in the last two rounds to win a unanimous decision.

Two exhibitions rounded out the show. Vince Marbley and Jose Moreno sparred, as did Stephen Martinez and Tony Snow.

Promoters: Bud Burton, Gene Goodlow
Matchmaker: Reg Noble
Referees: Bob Garcia, Barry Yates
Judges: Hugh Echols, Lee McGowan, Charles Bertaini
Physicians: Dr. Paris Bransford, Dr. Jorge Guerrero
Attendance: 125
(10-27-90)

SAN ANTONIO—Hemisfair Arena—San Antonio's **Jesse James Leija**, 126¾, ran into a roadblock on his path to a possible world ranking as he fought to a 10-round draw with Houston's **Edward "Pee Wee" Parker**, 126¾. Leija, 15-0-1, showed more power than the experienced Parker, but he was never able to dominate the action from one round to the next. Parker is 21-4-3.

In another 10-rounder, Robert Carson, 159, Los Angeles, won a tough split decision over Danny Trevino, 159½, Fort Worth. The sluggish Trevino had to lose six pounds in a day to make the weight, but he fought valiantly against the stronger Carson, 12-4-2.

Robert De La Rosa, 118½, Kingsville, kayoed Fresno's Tony Perez, 118¾, in the first round.

James Coker, 161, San Antonio, impressed his hometown fans with a fourth-round kayo of Miguel Barcenas, 161½.

Alfonso Reyes, 135, won a four-round unanimous nod over Derek Matlock, 135.

Ricky Joe Clark, 133¾, dominated Isaac Gomez, 134½, en route to a four-round unanimous decision victory.

In a battle of two rookies, Joe Ortega, 140, made his successful pro debut with a second-round TKO of Ronnie Driscoll, 142½.

Promoter: Main Events
Referees: Leonard Zuniga, Roy Ovalle
Judges: Jimmy Parks, Vince Amaya, Wilfredo Esperon
Attendance: 2,713
TV: SportsChannel America
(10-8-90)

Curtis Vogel

WASHINGTON

SEATTLE—Sea Tac Hilton—Two-time Olympian **Robert Shannon**, 123½, Seattle, continued his winning streak with an eight-round split decision over **Vinnie Ponzio**, 121½, Lakewood, 7-2-1. Shannon, now managed and trained by his wife Claudia, attacked viciously from the start, assaulting Ponzio with crackling right hooks and crushing left hands that twice almost put him down.

Ponzio came out to rumble and scored frequently with combinations, but Shannon's shots were harder and did more damage. The action was fast and violent. Glen Hamada scored 77-75 for Shannon, Tom McDonough 77-75 for Ponzio, and Loren Marshall 79-74 for Shannon. *The Ring* had Shannon the winner by 77-75. Shannon is 18-5-2 (8).

In a scheduled eight-rounder, Jim Ashard 210½, Toledo, lost by decision to Steve Cortez, 257, Medford. Cortez was the aggressor throughout, but Ashard looked more the part of a seasoned veteran.

In a scheduled four-rounder, Lance Holcomb, 126, Everett, 3-1, kayoed Steve Anderson, 125, Longview, 0-2, at 2:58 of the first round.

Cecil Grey, 189½, Vancouver, 1-1, stopped Antonio Ocasio, 203, Tacoma, at 2:01 of the second after flooring him and dislocating his jaw. Ocasio is 0-3.

In his pro debut, talented Kenny Ellis, 145½, Seattle, stopped Shawn Gregory, 143, Missoula, at 2:19 of the second of a scheduled four. Ellis, a former amateur champion, was a sparring partner for Greg Haugen when Haugen was IBF lightweight king. Gregory is 1-5.

Promoter & Matchmaker: Bob Oleson
Physician: Dr. Leslie Barnette
Attendance: 309
(10-21-90)

Bill Tuthill

WEST VIRGINIA

ELKINS—Davis and Elkins College—West Virginia welterweight champion **Tommy Small**, 150, Beckley, scored a unanimous eight-round decision over previous conqueror **Sam Gervins**, 148, Columbus in a non-title matchup. The 27-year-old Small, 22-3 (13), had lost a six-rounder to Gervins in Clarksburg this past January and has now won seven fights in a row.

The semi-windup saw Robert "The Spoiler" Curry, 172, Beckley, stop former toughman champion Mike Posey, 174, Weston, in five rounds. Curry is 19-17; Posey 4-2.

In a non-title fight, state cruiserweight champion Bert Gravely, 18-9 (9), decisioned Troy Jackson, 184, Rockville, Maryland, over eight rounds. Gravely, 186, Beckley, successfuly rebounded from a non-title fight kayo loss six weeks earlier to IBF light heavyweight king Prince Charles Williams.

Knockout artist Mike Acey, 216, Philadelphia, 12-5-1 (12), did his thing against Charles Brooks, 200, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, in the first round of a scheduled eight.

Amateur champion Lennard Jackson, 161, New York City, successfully entered the pro ranks with a first-round kayo of James Barrow, 158, Shelby, North Carolina.

Jim Corbin, 176, Phillippi, 2-0, won a unanimous four-round decision over Carlton Brown, 172.
(10-3-90)

Lee Groves

MEXICO

MEXICO CITY—Mexican bantamweight champion **Candelario "Changuito" Carmona** scored a 10-round split decision over **Otilio Gallegos** in a non-title bout at the Coliseo. Carmona won by fighting intelligently and utilizing good defense.

Enrique Jupiter scored a fourth-round TKO over Candido Corona; bantamweights.

Hugo Rodriguez stopped Justo Ramirez in the third of a scheduled eight; super bantamweights.

Jose Garcia scored an eight-round upset decision over Carmona's stablemate, Silvestre Moyado, 16-5; super flyweights.

Jesus Capistran stopped Angel Jimenez in the third of a scheduled six; lightweights.
(9-1-90)

TIJUANA—Former Mexican lightweight champion **Juan "Bull Terrier" Soberanes** ended a three-fight losing streak by stopping **Antonio de la Paz** in the sixth round of a scheduled 10. De la Paz, who had won three in a row, was dropped in round four.

Manuel "Mantecas" Medina stayed hot, outpointing Bruno Rabanales over 10; super featherweights. Medina overcame a cut eyebrow caused by a butt.

Gregorio Vargas Jr., rated second, stopped Ramon Felix in six; featherweights.
(9-3-90)

MEXICO CITY—At the Coliseo, **Armando Salazar**, 23-3-3 (18), won the vacant WBC Continental-Americas super flyweight title by decisioning **Miguel Mercedes**, Dominican Republic, over 12 rounds. The scores were 116-112, 114-113, and 115-111. Salazar gave up the Mexican national title to try for the crown. It was the first fight in almost a year for Mercedes, 19-4 (13). Salazar, who lost a point in the seventh for punching with an open glove, controlled the bout with his speed and movement. Mercedes was penalized a point for butting in the 10th.

Armando Castro won the vacant Mexican super flyweight title with a TKO at 2:45 of the fifth round vs. former WBC flyweight champion Gabriel Bernal, who had trouble making weight and was weak. Castro is 37-8-1 (26). Castro took control in the second, bloodied his foe's nose in the fourth, and cut Bernal's right eyelid in the fifth.

Carlos Gonzalez, 16-0 (16), stopped Jose Ulloa in the sixth; lightweights.

Humberto "Gitano" Rodriguez stopped Juan "Benny" Estrada in the second; super lightweights. Estrada was dropped twice in the second.

Aaron Zarate kayoed Gilberto Flores in the third; lightweights.

Jesus Montiel stopped Oscar Ortiz in the eighth; super flyweights.
(9-5-90)

ACAPULCO—**Francisco Rios** scored four knockdowns en route to a fourth-round stoppage of **Alejandro "Torito" Vasquez**; lightweights.

Candido Sosa and Miguel Angel Rodriguez drew over six rounds; featherweights.

Francisco Resendiz stopped Ubaldo Moreno in the second,; featherweights.

Mariano Ramirez kayoed Bruno Gonzalez in the first; bantamweights.

Pedro Ignacio Hernandez decisioned Angel Bernal in four; featherweights.
(9-7-90)

GUADALAJARA—**Carlos Monroy** won by disqualification in round seven over **Alvaro Medel** because of a butt; super bantamweights.
(9-7-90)

MEXICO CITY—At the Coliseo, **Mario Alberto Rodriguez**, 24-7-2, stopped **Tommy Valdez**, at 1:56 of the third in a scheduled 10; super bantamweights. Rodriguez, ranked fifth, opened a gash on Valdez' lower lip in the third, which led to the stoppage.

Justo Zuniga stopped Juan Gonzalez at 1:15 of the fourth; mini flyweights. Zuniga was floored twice in the second before pumelling his foe.

Juan Manuel Chavez stopped Leon Diaz in the fifth; bantamweights.

Enrique Angeles scored a six-round decision over Manuel Rojas; featherweights.

Jose Antonio Cruz won by second-round disqualification over Justo Alamazan; featherweights.

Former NABF flyweight titlist Candido Tellez was the card's honoree.
(9-8-90)

ACAPULCO—Seventh-rated Mexican lightweight **Fidel Avendano** scored a TKO at 1:37 of the third vs. **Gerardo Sanchez**. Avendano cut Sanchez on the left eyebrow and then punished him.

Rey Cisneros scored an eighth-round TKO over Banjamin Aragon; super bantamweights.

Antonio Salas stopped Efren Garcia in the first; bantamweights.

Marco Antonio Barrera stopped Sebastian Anica in the fifth; super flyweights.

Delfino Acevedo decisioned Martin Beltran in six; lightweights.
(9-14-90)

CELAYA—Former world champion **German Torres** came out of retirement and stopped **Ramon Lopez** via cut left eyelid in the seventh; mini flyweights.
(9-14-90)

REYNOSA—**Jaime "Rocky" Balboa** was impressive in stopping **Jesus "Puma" Quinones** in two rounds; super lightweights.

Enrique Noriega stopped Francisco Lara Acosta in the fifth; middleweights.

Betillo Cantu drew with Diego Andrade over 10; flyweights. Cantu, rated fifth, was robbed.

Angel "Pony" Aldama scored a 10-round split decision over Angel Fernandez; super featherweights.

Facundo Rodriguez stopped Manuel Iglesias in the third; super flyweights.
(9-15-90)

MEXICO CITY—At the Coliseo, **Gerardo "Canas" Esparza**, 47-6-2, scored a unanimous 10-round decision over **Albino Rosas**, 25-6 (24); super featherweights. Esparza drew boos with his defensive tactics. He is the Jalisco state champion. Rosas had a six-fight win streak snapped.

Alfredo Xeque scored a TKO at 2:59 of the third vs. Aruro Sarmiento, scheduled for 10; mini flyweights. A hook-right dropped Sarmiento.

Juan Carlos Ortigoza stopped Marcial Verdin at 2:14 of the fourth; super bantamweights.

Jorge Barrera unanimously decisioned Oscar Granados in four; flyweights.
(9-15-90)

CIUDAD OBREGON—**Fernando Beltran**, 72-7 (39), kayoed **Martin Moreno** in the first; featherweights.
(9-21-90)

GUADALAJARA—**Jose Luis Bueno**, rated second at super flyweight, looked rusty, but nevertheless dropped **Ruben Padilla** and stopped him in the sixth.
(9-21-90)

MEXICO CITY—At the Coliseo, **Francisco Martinez Laguna** avenged an earlier loss by scoring a sixth-round TKO over fifth-rated lightweight **Romualdo Gonzalez**. Gonzalez' right eye began to swell shut in the third.

Efrain Pintor, 30-6-1, returned from a 15-month layoff to score a TKO at 28 seconds of the sixth vs. sixth-ranked southpaw Julio Pliego; bantamweights.

Leo Ortiz stopped Javier Garcia in the second; mini flyweights.

Isaias Velazquez decisioned Oscar Martinez in six; featherweights.

Guillermo Tamez scored a TKO at 1:32 of the third against Nicolas Ortiz; lightweights.

Javier Meza stopped Jorge Garcia in the third; lightweights.
(9-22-90)

TIJUANA—**Ramon Marchena** was struck by a flagrant butt and, as a result, won bu sixth-round disqualification over **Ramon Zavala**, Venezuela; lightweights. Marchena, rated second, was ahead by scores of 50-45, 49-46, and 50-45.

Panchito Valdez stopped Pablo Gonzalez in the fourth; featherweights.
(9-24-90)

REYNOSA—Number-one contender **Sergio Hernandez** captured the Mexican super welterweight title by scoring a TKO at the start of round nine vs. **Raymundo "Battling" Torres Jr.** It was the third defense in the heavily favored Torres' second reign. Hernandez was hurt in the third and sixth and cut on the right eyebrow and between the eyes. But Torres suffered a bad cut on the right eyebrow in the sixth from an unintentional butt, and it led to the stoppage.

Jorge Loya dominated Jose Estrada and stopped him in the sixth; super bantamweights.
(9-28-90)

CAMPECHE—**Melchor Cob Castro** retained the WBC Continental-Americas light flyweight title with a disputed 12-round decision over **Javier "Candelita" Varguez**.
(9-28-90)

VERACRUZ—Former Mexican lightweight king **Javier "Zorrito" Altamirano** scored a 10-round decision over **Sergio Hernandez II**; super lightweights.

Alfonso Salinas, 13-3, decisioned Jose "Tiburon" Rojas over 10 rounds; featherweights.
(9-28-90)

TOLUCA—**Aaron Zarate** kayoed **Raul Hernandez** in the fifth of a scheduled 10; lightweights.

Mario Garcia deisioned Francisco Rosas; bantamweights.

Jose Penato kayoed Jorge Guzman in the fifth.
(9-28-90)

MINATITLAN—Streaking **Martin Soto**, ranked seventh, kayoed **Carlos Linares** in round seven; featherweights.

Tony Wilson stopped Jose "Chapulin" Rodriguez in the ninth; super bantamweights.

Alberto Renaud kayoed Carlos Bogam in the seventh; heavyweights.
(9-28-90)

MEXICO CITY—At the Coliseo, **Aaron Delgado**, 17-1-1 (13), stopped **Pedro Mendoza**, 11-6, at 44 seconds of the third; super featherweights. Two lefts and a right almost sent Delgado through the ropes. Referee Jesus Arias Torres stopped it soon after.

Francisco "Buzo" Gonzalez stopped Valente Flores in the fourth; super flyweights. Flores had beaten Gonzalez in two of their three previous bouts.

Hugo Rodriguez stopped Hector Herrera in the fourth; bantamweights.

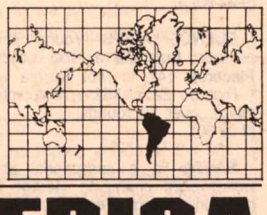
Max Llano halted Jesus Capistran in the fourth; lightweights.

Andres Jimenez decisioned Gerardo de la Serna in four; bantamweights.
(9-29-90)

MEXICALI—On the Villasana-Marquez featherweight title fight undercard, **Cuauhtemoc "Famosito" Gomez**, 19-0 (18), twice dropped **Claudemir Carbalho**, Brazil, in the second round to register a TKO.

Unbeaten Carlos "Bolillo" Gonzalez scored a unanimous 10-round decision over Oscar Lopez; lightweights.
(9-30-90)

Bruce Williams



SOUTH AMERICA

ARGENTINA

TUCUMAN—Former junior welterweight contender **Lorenzo Garcia**, 155, decisioned **Jorge Martinez**, 154, in 10 rounds.
(8-24-90)

LIMA, BUENOS AIRES—**Raul Barrenechea**, 136, defeated **Pablo Ramon Rodriguez**, 136, via

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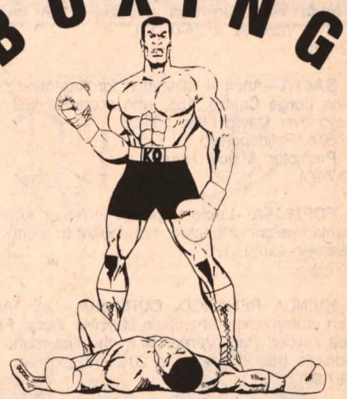

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(8-24-90)

POSADAS—Unbeaten Argentine bantamweight **Roberto Moran** decisioned **Sergio Rodriguez**, who lost his first fight in 12 bouts, over 10 rounds. Moran, 16-0 (7), retained the national belt.
(8-25-90)

SAN PEDRO DE JUJUY—National junior middleweight champion **Jorge Castro**, 152½, scored a 10-round decision over **Julio Abel Gonzalez**, 153, who was floored in the seventh.
(8-25-90)

BUENOS AIRES—At the Argentine Boxing Stadium, **Miguel Placeres** defeated **Jose Quinteros** in five; welterweights.
(8-25-90)

SALTA—Paraguayan **Francisco Bobadilla**, 146, scored a fifth-round TKO over **Miguel Arroyo** and captured the South American welterweight belt. Arroyo was floored in the first round. Referee Eduardo Barrios stopped the bout when Arroyo was floored again.
Site: Polideportivo
Promoter: Luis Herrera
Attendance: 3,000 (estimated)
(8-31-90)

SALVADOR MAZZA—Argentine welterweight champion **Hector Vilte** kayoed Bolivian **Marcelo Vega** 30 seconds into a non-title bout.
(8-31-90)

TRENQUE LAUQUEN—Gustavo Ballas, 155, outpointed **Sergio Garlevaris**, 152, in 10.
(8-31-90)

BUENOS AIRES—At the Argentine Boxing Federation Stadium, veteran **Adolfo Arce Rossi**, 50-15-7, outpointed **Ricardo Silva**, 7-6, in 10 rounds; welterweights.
(9-1-90)

MONTE MAIZ, CORDOBA—Gustavo Ballas drew over 10 rounds with **Raul Ojeda**; super flyweights.
(9-7-90)

SAN LUIS—Undefeated junior middleweight **Julio Cesar Vazquez** outpointed **Jorge Argentino Tejada** via unanimous decision. Both weighed 152½. Vazquez is 24-0 (17).
(9-7-90)

SALTA—Another mismatch for Argentine champion **Jorge Castro**, 155, who scored a first-round kayo over **David Ellis**, 154.
Site: Polideportivo
Promoter: Miguel Herrera
(9-7-90)

FORMOSA—Lucio Lopez, the former Argentine bantamweight champion, 125, fought to a draw with **Marcelo Luna**, 125½.
(9-7-90)

HUINCA RENANCO, CORDOBA—Latin American cruiserweight champion **Marcelo Victor Figueroa** kayoed **Raul Venturelli** in the first round of a non-title bout. Figueroa is 20-2 (17).
(9-7-90)

CORONEL PRINGLES—Daniel Netto, 22-1-1, defeated **Daniel Guibaudo**, 13-20-4, to retain the national junior heavyweight belt.
(9-7-90)

TRELEW—Undefeated **Jose Maria Sosa**, 126, outpointed **Carlos Laciar**, 130, via unanimous decision.
(9-7-90)

BUENOS AIRES—Miguel Placeres kayoed **Antonio De La Cruz Perez** in four; welterweights.
Site: ABF Stadium
(9-8-90)

VILLA REGINA—Ceferino Gil, 127, outpointed **Jose Torres**, 127, in 10 rounds.
Site: Club Atletico Regina
(9-14-90)

CHASCOMUS, BUENOS ARIES—Gustavo Ballas kayoed **Jose Luis Barrios** in six; super flyweights.
Site: Osvaldo Brandoni Gym
(9-14-90)

GENERAL PINTOS, BUENOS AIRES—Luis Barrera, 149, outpointed **Julio Cesar Gutierrez**, 151, in six rounds.
Lightweight Mario Ledesma made his pro debut by kayoing Sergio Novet in five rounds.
Site: Pintense Club
(9-14-90)

SAN FRANCISCO, CORDOBA—Ruben Dario Cabral, 23, captured the vacant Argentine middleweight title by kayoing **Juan Carlos Scaglia**. In a tremendous fight, Cabral, 158½, kayoed Scaglia, 159¼, with solid hooks to the body. Scaglia was ahead on two cards.
Referee: Francisco Fontan
Site: Sociedad Bomberos Voluntarios
Promoter: Luis Abba
Attendance: 3,000 (estimated)
(9-14-90)

RIO IV, CORDOBA—Sergio Rafael Liendo, 123, kayoed **Raul Ricardo Valenzuela**, 119, in two rounds and won the Argentine super bantamweight title.
Promoter: Eduardo San Miguel
(9-14-90)

RESISTENCIA—Ramon Retamozo, the South American super bantamweight champion, kayoed **Felix Torres**, Paraguay, in the first round of a non-title bout.
Site: Club Don Bosco
(9-14-90)

PRESIDENCIA ROQUE SAENZ PENA—Former three-time world champion **Santos Benigno Laciar** scored his 100th professional win, defeating former Argentine champion **Ruben Condori**. Two judges voted for Laciar (100-96 and 98-97), and the third for Condori (99-98).
(9-14-90)

BUENOS AIRES—Victor Hugo Paz, 16-0, outpointed **Marcelo Luna** over 10 rounds; featherweights.
Claure Renor Rojas, Bolivia, won by disqualification in four rounds over Ramon Carrizo; super bantamweights.
Site: Argentine Boxing Federation Stadium
(9-15-90)

SALTA—Jorge Ferando Castro, 154, scored his most important victory, a unanimous decision over **Francisco Bobadilla**, the South American junior welterweight champion. The judges voted for the Argentine junior middleweight champion by scores of 98-95 (twice) and 98-94.
Site: Polideportivo Stadium
Promoter: Miguel Herrera
(9-21-90)

ALBERDI, TUCUMAN—Welterweight **Jorge Bracamonte** defeated veteran **Jorge Argentino Tejada** over 10 rounds.
(9-21-90)

BAHIA BLANCA, BUENOS AIRES—Ricardo Nunez kayoed **Bruno Godoyo** in eight; middleweights.
Site: Bella Vista Club

BUENOS AIRES—Argentine super flyweight champion **Ruben Batista** scored his ninth victory, decisioning **Carlos Farina** in a 10-round non-title fight at the Argentine Boxing Federation Stadium.
(9-22-90)

BUENOS AIRES—Young junior middleweight prospect **Luis Barra**, 150, easily kayoed **Miguel Placeres**, 147, in two. Barrera is 19-1 (12).
Ricardo Silva, 138½, outpointed Roberto Real, 144½, over 10 rounds.
(9-29-90)

SALTA—In a sensational showing, Argentine welterweight champion **Hector Hugo Vilte**, 151, decisioned **Jorge Fernando Castro**, the Argentine junior middleweight champion, ranked second in the WBC. It was the first loss for Castro, 154, in nine bouts in 1990. Two judges voted for Vilte (97-96 and 98-96); the third voted 96-96.
Promoter: Miguel Herrera
Attendance: 7,000
(10-5-90)

GUALEGUAYCHU, ENTRE RIOS—Miguel Francia, 126, retained the Argentine featherweight belt, decisioning **Sergio Martinez**, 126, in 12. The scores were 116-111, 118-113, and 119-114.
(10-5-90)

BARILOCHE—Former Argentine junior welterweight champion **Hugo Ariel Hernandez** returned to his adoptive home and easily kayoed **Raul Suarez** in two.
Attendance: 2,000
(10-5-90)

SAN SALVADOR DE JUJUY—Argentine junior lightweight champion **Juilo Miranda**, 135, decisioned **Raul Tabares**, 140, in a 10-round non-title bout. Tabares was floored in the eighth round.
(10-5-90)

CUTRAL CO.—Former Argentine welterweight champion **Marcelo DiCroce**, 147, unanimously outpointed **Juilo David Gomez**, 146½, over 10 rounds.
Ceferino Gil, 120, decisioned Chilean Isaias Carvacho Rios, 113, in 10.
(10-5-90)

MAR DEL PLATA—Former WBC International junior middleweight champion **Ramon Abeldano**, 169, battled fiercly to obtain a draw against **Ubaldo Correa**, 168½, who floored him in the third.
(10-5-90)

BUENOS AIRES—International junior lightweight champion **Pedro Armando Gutierrez**, 131, scored a terrific kayo in the 10th and final round against Mexican **Armando Gutierrez**, 128½, just two seconds before the bell. Gutierrez, 34, 54-18-11 (20), was ahead on points when he connected with two tremendous right hands.
Argentine and South American lightweight champion Hector Fabian Tejeda, 135, kayoed Mexican Jose Bernal in eight. Tejeda scored his 20th kayo in 22 victories. The undeafeated southpaw champion kayoed Bernal, 12-9, with a cross.
Undefeated Victor Hugo Paz, 129, 15-0-1, defeated Jose Ramon Cereal.
Site: Argentine Boxing Federation Stadium
Promoter: Hernan Santos Nicolini
(10-6-90)

FORMOSA—Former South American light heavyweight champion **Rodrigo Benech**, Uruguay, kayoed Paraguayan **Perfecto Bobadilla** in three.
(10-12-90)

ROSARIO DEL TALA, ENTRE RIOS—Argentine heavyweight champion **Walter Masseroni** kayoed **Valerio Arias** in three.
(10-12-90)

RIO CUARTO, CORDOBA—Argentine super bantamweight champion **Sergio Liendo** fought to a 10-round draw with former Argentine flyweight champion **Ruben Condori** in a non-title bout.
Site: Club Central Argentino
(10-12-90)

MERCEDES, CORRIENTES—In a middleweight bout, **Jorge Santana** kayoed Mexican **Luciano Fernandez** in two.
(10-12-90)

JUNIN—Luis Barrera outpointed **Ricardo Cisneros** in 10, junior middleweights.
(10-12-90)

BUENOS AIRES—Number-one Argentine middleweight contender **Mario Alberto Gaston**, 154½, kayoed Mexican **Mario Sanchez**, 152½, in two rounds. It was Gaston's first fight since his loss to Quincy Taylor. He is 24-1 (14). Sanchez was floored for more than 10 minutes after being kayoed by a tremendous one-two combination.
Argentine super flyweight champion Ruben Batista, 114, outpointed Mexican Noe Santillana, 114, in 10. Batista is 10-2-2; Santillana 8-4.
The bouts were nationally televised.
Site: Argentine Boxing Federation Stadium
Promoter: Hernan Santos Nicolini
Attendance: 1,152
(10-31-90)

SANTA ROSA, LA PAMPA—Despite his loss just a week ago, **Jorge Fernando Castro**, who lost at Salta to **Hector Hugo Vilte**, won the South American junior middleweight belt, defeating champion **Hugo Marinangeli** in the 12th and final round. The bout was tough for both boxers; Castro was cut over the left eye in the 10th, but Marinangeli's corner threw in the towel in the 12th. Castro, the Argentine and South American champion, is 51-2-2. Marinangeli is 37-7-2.
Site: All Boys Club
(10-14-90)

Carlos Irusta

COLOMBIA

CARTAGENA—Caseta Maracana—**Alex Carrillo**, a former Central American and Carribean amateur welterweight champion, kayoed **Leo Hernandez** with a left hook-right uppercut in the second round. It was later discovered that Hernandez had fought while under suspension from the Colombian Commission. Referee, Carlos Hernandez.

Jose Vargas won a six-round decision over Adalberto Canate; bantamweights.

Juan Rodriquez stopped Carlos Vega in the second frame.
(9-28-90)

CARTAGENA—Bernardo Caraballo Coliseum—Veteran **Francisco Alvarez**, outpointed **Guillermo Salcedo**, Monteria, over eight rounds; bantamweights.

Carlos Rocha stopped Eddy Hernandez in the first round with an uppercut to the liver; bantamweights. Rocha, a cousin of former flyweight champion Fidel Bassa, is 18-0-3 (9).

WBC top-10 featherweight contender Ever Beldno, 13-0 (11), stopped Pedro Barrera, Monteria, with a right cross in the first round.

Wilfrido Rocha, 11-1 (11), Cartagena, TKO's Jose Mena, Quibdo, in the first round; lightweights.

Edison Pitalua TKO'd Edwin Montes; junior lightweights.

Eugenio Pereira and Freddy Gomez drew over four rounds; junior featherweights.

Promoter: Luis Otoya
(9-19-90)

SAN ONOFRE—Local mini flyweight **Jorge Blanco** decisioned **James Guevara** and retained his Colombian crown.
(9-14-90)

CARTAGENA—Bernardo Caraballo Coliseum—**Francisco Alvarez** won a 10-round decision over **Juvenal Berrio**; featherweights.

Gilberto Barreto retained his Columbian junior middleweight title with a fourth-round kayo over Pedro Diaz, Sincelejo, in the fourth round.

Miguel Julio TKO'd Luis Garces in the third; welterweights. Referee, Rafael Meza.

Promoter: Pintoso Box
(10-12-90)

CARTAGENA—Bernardo Caraballo Coliseum—World rated 130-pounder **Wilson Palacios**, 22-1, stopped **William Herrera**, 7-2, with a left uppercut in the sixth round.

World rated flyweight Elvis Alvarez, 18-2-1 (10), fought to a 10-round draw with Noel Cogollo.

In the openner, Mauricio Bernal, 12-4 (4), outpointed Durvey Osirio, 0-2-1, over six rounds; flyweights.

Jesus Auniga, Medellin, 3-0 (1), kayoed Alfredo Godoy, Cartagena, 2-1 (1).

Promoter: Orbit Promotions, Boxing de las Americas
(10-19-90)

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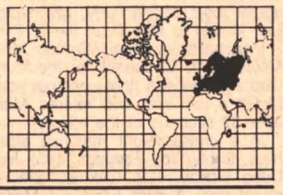

EUROPE

UNITED KINGDOM

ENGLAND

LONDON—American **Kenny Vice**, 134, destroyed Camden's **Jim McDonnell**, 136, scoring a fourth-round knockout at the Royal Albert Hall.

This was McDonnell's first fight since he lost to Azumah Nelson last November, and it looks sure to be his last. Time and again, Vice landed left hooks to the jaw of McDonnell, who didn't seem to know how to evade them. He was knocked down in the opening round, and in the rounds that followed, was consistently beaten to the punch.

The sickening end came after two minutes of round four, when Vice put McDonnell's lights out with a left. McDonnell's head spun violently as his neck hit the bottom rope on the way down. He lay prostrate and lifeless for several agonizing minutes before coming round in the dressing room a full 15 minutes later. All this time, a distraught Vice stood crying in his corner, all too aware of a night two years previously when South Africa's Brian Baronet died as a result of the injuries he sustained when being knocked out by Vice. A heavy burden was lifted when Vice was told McDonnell had recovered.

McDonnell will wisely retire with a record of 26-3 (12). He was a veteran of two world title challenges.

In a spectacular middleweight contest, Chris Eubank, 163, kayoed Brazilian Renaldo dos Santos, 159, after just 20 seconds of round one. Eubank had already signed for a fight with Nigel Benn, and was justifiably in no mood to lark about. A jab followed by a right proved quite sufficient for the night's work and made the Benn-Eubank confrontation even more of a marketable commodity.

Coventry's Errol Christie, 164, stopped Karl Barwise, 162, Epsom, when Barwise retired toward the end of round seven. Barwise was more than holding his own but was forced to quit because of severely damaged ribs.

Newton Barnett, 151, Camberwell, stopped Belfast's Damien Denny, 152, in the sixth round of a scheduled eight. Referee Tony Walker stopped the contest.

Val Golding, 163, Croydon, forced a sixth-round stoppage of Liverpool's Franki More, 161, with a right and followup salvo, leaving Moro out on his feet. Referee Reg Thompson intervened at 2:57 of round six.

Sheffield's Wayne Windle, 136, outpointed Bernard McComiskey, 135, Banbridge, over six two-minute rounds. Referee Thompson scored 59½-58½ for Windle.
(9-22-90)

LONDON—The **George Foreman** circus rolled into town as the former heavyweight champion made his debut in a British ring. The 259-pound giant knocked out fellow American **Terry Ander-**

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son, 237, in the first round at the London Arena. The result was fairly predictable, but the chance to see this mountain of a man in the flesh more than made up for any shortcomings in actual action.

Foreman was visibly moved by the reception the crowd gave him; a huge grin replaced his stony gaze. Unfortunately for Anderson, Foreman was in no mood to be nice.

Anderson decided from the opening bell that his best play was to stay away from the powerful hitter, and who could blame him? Foreman continually stalked his prey like a lion waiting for the right moment to move in for the kill. It came near the end of the round, when a tree-trunk-like left followed by a clubbing, downward right sent Anderson to the canvas for the full 10-count. Referee Larry O'Connell's count had reached six when the bell went, but the count continued.

Afterward, Foreman was complimentary of British hospitality, not to mention the food: "I've taken in most of the restaurants in town already. Now I intend to take in the rest."

In a thrilling chief support, St. Albans' Sean Murphy, 125¾, knocked out Croydon's Johnny B. Good, 126, in his first defense of the British featherweight title. Murphy started in round one like a man on a mission. He flailed into the challenger with everything he had and totally overwhelmed Good, who, by the end of the round, looked as if he had gone through an entire 12-round fight.

In round two, Good got back into the fight, but his revival was short-lived. Two right hands deposited him onto the floor, where he remained for the full count. Referee Larry O'Connell counted him out at the 2:32 mark.

Collin "Sweet C" McMillan, 126¼, Barking, stopped Darren Weller, 125½, Cardiff, at 2:58 of round two. Referee Mike Jacobs intervened.

West Ham's Mark Tibbs, 138½, outpointed Pembroke's Mike Morrison, 138, over six rounds by a 59-58½ margin on referee Jacobs' scorecard.

Dean Hollington, 143, West Ham, stopped Swindon's Andre Marcel Cleak after 52 seconds of the fifth of a scheduled six twos. Referee McDonnell intervened.

Rocky Milton, 140, Streatham, outpointed Ray Newby, 140, over six two-minute rounds. Referee McDonnell scored 59½-58.

Barking's Tony Grizzle, 156, outpointed pop singer Boy George's brother, Gerry O'Dowd, 152, Woolwich, by a 59-58½ margin after six two-minute rounds.
(9-25-90)

LONDON—Tony Collins, 153½,° the defending WBC International light middleweight titleholder, Yateley, retained the crown with a razor-thin split decision over tough Argentine **Ricardo Nunez**, 153¾, at the London Arena.

The challenger started well over the first four rounds, winning the close-quarter exchanges. Collins gradually came more into the fight after the fifth, and in round eight dumped Nunez onto the seat of his pants with a right followed by a left. He dug down deep again in round 11 to slug away with both hands, but Nunez rocked Collins several times to take the final round. It took a determined effort for Collins to remain erect in that last stanza. The scoring: 116-113 for Nunez, and 115-113 and 115-114 for Collins, to the delight of his ecstatic home supporters.
(10-10-90)

LONDON—In the chief support for the Andries vs. Merani world title fight, **Kirkland Laing**, 148, Nottingham, stopped **Rocky "Ice" Berg**, 149, United States, in two rounds. The European welterweight champion was simply too classy for his frustrated opponent. A right hook to Berg's jaw prompted referee Larry O'Connell to intervene at 1:27 of the second round.

The Kronk was in town, led by young star Oba Carr, 148, who stopped Manuel Rojas, 149¾, Venezuela, after two rounds. A cut was inflicted over Rojas' left eye in the second round, which rendered him unable to come out for round three.

Southhampton's Jimmy Peters, 178, stopped Terry Duffus, 177, Gloucester, in round two of a scheduled eight. Billy Warner intervened at the 1:25 mark.

Neville Brown, 156, Burton, knocked out Nigel Moore, 153½, Thamesmead, in round one of a scheduled six. A right hand-left hook combination put Moore's lights out. He was counted out at 1:52.

Lewisham's Henry Akinwande, 214, outpointed American Tracy Thomas, 241½, over six threes. Referee Larry O'Connell scored 60-57½.

Mark Tierney, 114½, Watford, outpointed Ammanford's Kevin Jenkins, 114, over six twos by 60-57½.
(10-10-90)

Brian Doogan

SCOTLAND

GLASGOW—Localite **Donnie Hood**, 117¾, won the WBC International bantamweight title with a split decision over defending Filipino **Samuel Duran**, 117. In an absorbing contest, both men gave everything, and the fight remained close the whole way through. Hood enjoyed both height and reach advantages, but showed the ability to rough it up inside when the situation arose. Duran battled away and almost reaped the reward when he cut the challenger's left brow in the 11th round and then proceeded to worsen the wound with ripping punches in the 12th. The scores were 117-115, 116-113, and 112-118.

Joe Kelly, the IBF Intercontinental flyweight champion, 114, Glasgow, stopped David Afan Jones, 114, Talbot, Wales, after round five of a scheduled eight. Kelly was always on top and ended the bout with a flurry, which prompted referee Len Mullan to step in at the 2:17 mark.

Manchester's Steve Walker, 131, stopped Ian McGirr, 131, Clydebank, in the fourth of a scheduled eight twos. A right uppercut opened a cut over McGirr's left eye, and referee Mullen stopped it after 37 seconds of the round.

In a cruiserweight matchup scheduled for six twos, Bobby Joe Edwards, 185, Jamaica, stopped Doug McKay, 182, Larkhall, after 45 seconds of round one. A right hand put McKay down for a count, and the referee rescued him before further damage could be inflicted.

David Anderson, 135, Glasgow, stopped Cumbernauld's Alan Peacock, 141, in the third of a scheduled four rounds. Referee Mullen intervened at the 1:00 mark.
(10-9-90)

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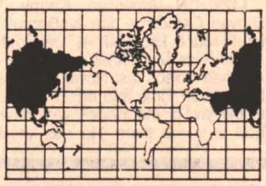

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JAPAN

TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—Mexican flyweight **Alejandro Sanabria**, 113¾, the WBC's 28th-ranked contender, and ex-OPBF junior bantamweight champion **Byung Kwan Chung**, 113¾, put on such a lackluster performance that about one-third of the crowd left midway in the proceedings. Sanabria, 24-5-1 (16), was awarded a close but unanimous decision (98-95 twice and 98-97) in 10. The powderpuff punchers exchanged soft blows, missing plenty. Chung, who had challenged Khaosai Galaxy in 1987, is obviously past his peak and wasn't sharp due to his inferior eyesight. (After this bout the Japanese Commission announced that he would not be allowed to fight here again.) Sanabria, 27, improved to 24-5-1 (16). Chung, 26, fell to 18-8-3 (8).

Viacheslav Iakovlev, a 6'5" Russian heavyweight, 216¼, dominated all rounds but failed to score a knockdown and had to be content with a shutout decision over Bobby Quarry, 211¾, United States, in eight. Scoring: 80-75, 80-73, and 80-74. Iakovlev, 3-1 (1), kept jabbing at his shorter opponent, and will need much better opposition to show his real value. Quarry, a brother of Jerry Quarry, fell to 9-8 (1).

Shigeru Nishide, the JBC's 10th-ranked featherweight, was outpunched by unranked Ryoichi Kobayashi, 126, losing a near-shutout decision in eight. Nishide was the harder puncher, but he paid too much attention to his peek-a-boo defense. Nishide, 21, fell to 5-6-1 (1). Kobayashi, 21, is 6-2-2 (3).

Masanori Yamaoka, 118, dug a vicious left uppercut to the belly of Takeshi Maeda, 117, and sank him for the count at 2:27 of the sixth round in a scheduled eight. Yamaoka, 7-1 (5), looked too stiff to throw fast blows. Maeda dipped to 5-9-2 (3).

Promoter: Co-promoted by Kyoei and Shinto Promotions

Attendance: 2,350
(9-17-90)

TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—Hard-punching speedster **Naoto Takahashi**, 126, 19-3 (14), engaged in his first bout since he dropped a decision to Thai champion Noree Jockygym in February, and registered a quick stoppage of rough-and-tumble Filipino **Edwin Montanez**, 12-4 (3), the GAB's fifth-ranked junior featherweight, 126, at 2:19 of the second round in a scheduled 10. Takahasi was successful in moving up to the featherweight division. The Japanese prospect started with fast jabs, but took a roundhouse right, and his knees buckled in the first round. He fought back with combinations, pinning his foe to the ropes.

The second and fatal round saw Montanez, a tricky, crouching stylist, caught by a wicked straight right that dropped him. After regaining his feet, the Filipino took a standing count. Referee Uchida wisely declared a halt when Takahashi followed up with rallies. Takahashi is a thrilling prospect with a suspect chin.

Yuichi Hosono, 105, was awarded a majority decision (98-95, 97-95, and 96-96) over lefty Takeo Onishi, 104½, in 10 give-and-take rounds. The unbeaten Hosono was floored with a southpaw left in the first round. Hosono, 8-0 (5), the prefight favorite, wasn't impressive. Onishi fell to 9-9-2 (4).

Promoter: Abe Promotions

Attendance: 2,500
(9-22-90)

TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—Unbeaten lefty **Takashi Matsuo**, Japan's top-ranked bantamweight, 118½, absorbed plenty of shots by Korean **Sung Mun Kim**, the KBC's seventh-ranked junior featherweight, 118½, but furiously retaliated with two-fisted attacks to score a TKO at 2:23 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10. Matsuo, however, suffered an eye injury in the second and third sessions. The southpaw prospect, 13-0 (7), was expected to have a mandatory title shot at Joichiro Tatsuyoshi's national crown on December 3, but he decided to abandon his opportunity because of the injury.

Veteran puncher Jun Hoki, 115, gave a bitter lesson to previously unbeaten Tomohiko Yokoyama, the winner of this year's Novice King tourney, 115, stopping him at 1:05 of the eighth round in a scheduled 10. Hoki was more aggressive and powerful than the rookie, battering him effectively and weakening him as the bout progressed. In the fatal session, Hoki made Yokoyama take a standing count, and he mercilessly followed up. The referee didn't hesitate to stop the lopsided affair. Hoki is 11-8-1 (10). Yokoyama dipped to 7-1 (4).

Promoter: Shinwa Kawakami Promotions

Attendance: 2,800
(9-24-90)

OSAKA—Osaka Prefectural Gymnasium—It was ballyhooed as an eliminator to decide the challenger to the world crown. **Katsumi Komiyama**, the WBA's fourth-ranked miniumuweight contender, 109, gamely attacked Mexican **Rey Hernandez**, the WBC's third-ranked light flyweight, 109, withstood the last surge of his opponent in the final round, and won a unanimous decision in 10. Scoring: 95-94, 99-91, and 98-91, all for the shorter Komiyama. Komiyama made a good start, throwing overhand rights and left hooks. Hernandez occasionally threw roundhouse shots, but Komiyama moved well to avert the heavy punches.

The sixth stanza witnessed the referee deduct a point from Hernandez for holding.

There was a crisis for Komiyama in the final sessin, when Hernandez battered the fading Japanese with determined attacks. Komiyama barely lasted and gained the victory owing to his accumulation on points in the earlier rounds.

The winner had a world title shot last February, when he fought much better than expected despite a 10th-round stoppage by Yuh Myung Woo. Komiyama is 16-3-6 (4); Hernandez 28-6-1 (18).

Unbeaten southpaw prospect Tsuyoshi Harada, the promoter's son and ranked eighth at junior featherweight by the JBC, 121, finished Thai Somboonyod Singsamang, 121, with a right hook followed by a one-two, as the Thai loser fell flat for the count at 2:32 of the second round in a scheduled 10. Harada is 6-0 (5). Somboonyod fell to 39-14-1 (30).

Renato Cabato, a Filipino rookie, 112, proved too sharp and speedy for Takahiro Mizuno, 114, dropping him twice en route to a fine stoppage at 1:56 of the fourth in a scheduled eight. Cabato is 6-0 (4); Mizuno 2-3 (1).

Scheduled to have a crack at the Japanese featherweight throne on November 16, Toshikazu Sono, the JBC's eighth-ranked featherweight, 125½, lost a unanimous decision to Yoshikazu Tamasaki, 123, in eight. The winner is 9-2-2 (3);

Sono 5-4 (1).
Promoter: Harada Promotions
Attendance: 1,000
(9-25-90)

TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—Having been knocked out by Jose Escamilla Yamashita and Seiji Asakawa, **Ryutaro Ueda**, formerly rated by the WBA, 130, stopped his losing run by halting Korean **Dong Soo Lim**, 135, at 2:18 of the fourth session in a scheduled 10. Since the Korean failed to make the contracted weight, he had to wear heavier gloves. Ueda had Lim on the deck with a well-timed right and then again attacked the groggy Korean, who surrendered by turning his back to the winner. Ueda is 16-5-1 (10).

Noriaki Shibuya, 122, outscored Satoru Tazaki, 121¼, in eight.

Hifumi Nagamine, 128, TKO'd Fumiya Ogaki, 128, at 2:23 of the second session in a scheduled six.

Promoter: Lions Promotions
Attendance: 2,100
(10-1-90)

OSAKA—Osaka Prefectural Gymnasium—Korean import **Kotaro Hayashi** (AKA Jae Shin Lim), the WBA's fourth-ranked flyweight, 113½, scored a TKO over Filipino **Max Forrosuelo**, 108, at 2:31 of the sixth round in a scheduled 10.

Hiroshi Kuwata, 138½, was a TKO winner over Young Yong Lee, 138, at 2:58 of the third in a scheduled 10.

Unheralded Joel Rivera, 105, chalked up an upset knockout of Boy Dignos, the WBC's 19th-ranked strawweight, 102¼, at 2:47 of the eighth session in a scheduled 10.

Promoter: Rakusui Promotions
(10-5-90)

TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—In an encounter of southpaw boxers, underdog **Hiroaki Yokota**, 121½, wrested the Japanese junior featherweight crown by controlling the fight and scoring a fine knockout of **Manabu Saijo**, the defending titlist, ranked 30th by the WBC, 121½, at 1:47 of the eighth round in a scheduled 10. Saijo couldn't utilize his footwork and was outsped and outpunched by the tricky challenger. The seventh session witnessed Saijo floored by the challenger's smashing one-two, followed by a flurry of punches. Saijo barely pulled himself up. Yokota battered him in the next round and made him return to the canvas with a southpaw hook, followed by a wicked one-two. The champion was counted out. Yokota, a wigmaker by day, is 15-4-1 (6). Saijo fell to 12-2 (9).

It was a night of upsets. The semifinal saw Shiroyasu Takahashi, the JBC's eighth-ranked junior featherweight, 122, hit the deck twice in the second and suffer an unexpected TKO defeat at the hands of southpaw Shinichi Abe, 120, at 32 seconds of the sixth round in a scheduled 10. Takahashi fell to 8-3-1 (2); Abe 8-6 (3).

Hideo Kinnami, the JBC's number-five junior middleweight, 147, dropped Toru Ichiyama, 147, with a short right in round three, but was overpowered and lost an upset decision in eight. Ichiyama, the winner of the Novice King tourney in the Eastern Zone, is 7-2-1 (3); Kinnami 8-10-2 (5).

Promoter: Token Promotions
Attendance: 2,000
(10-8-90)

TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—Taiwanese **Rocky Lim**, whose real name is Ming Jie Lin, 104¼, easily kept the Japanese strawweight title by sending down **Hidekazu Kakehashi**, 104¼, thrice en route to an automatic TKO at 2:11 of the third session in a scheduled 10. It was Lim's second defense. Kakehashi, a short lefty, proved no match. He kept circling in the first two sessions. After Lim floored him with a well-timed right uppercut, the winner didn't have any difficulties dropping him twice more. The champion is 9-0 (3); the loser 7-5 (2). Lim, the WBA's 12th-ranked minimumweight, is gunning for the world throne, but he needs to improve his punching power. At this stage, Lim hasn't reached the level of such hard hitters as Hideyuki Ohashi or Thai Chana Porpaoin.

Shiro Yahiro, the JBC's fourth-ranked junior flyweight, 107, was awarded a TKO over Noriaki Tanaka, 106¾, at the end of the seventh round in a scheduled 10. Yahiro, 8-0-1 (3), wasn't impressive, as he lacked snap in his jabs and one-two combinations.

Takashi Nakayama, the JBC's fourth-ranked junior bantamweight whipped fragile-jawed Nobuyuki Sudo, 115, and halted him at 18 seconds of the third round in a scheduled eight. Nakayama caught the victim in the first round, dropping him twice and giving him a couple of standing counts. The referee

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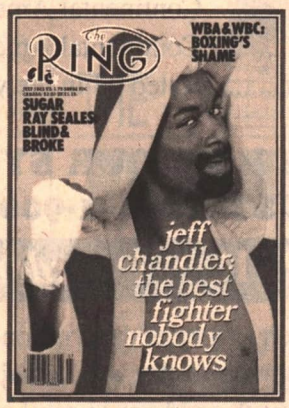

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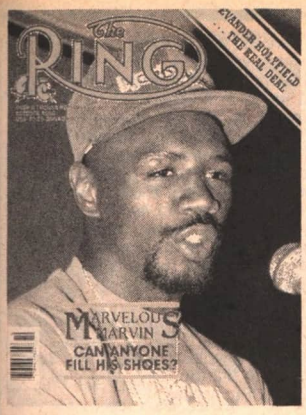

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should have stopped this onesided affair earlier. Nakayama is 11-2-1 (7); Sudo 7-11-1 (6).

Ryuji Okawa, a tall campaigner ranked third at junior featherweight, 125¾, dropped aggressive warrior Shuji Koizumi, 125¾, in the second, but absorbed much punishment and was stopped at 2:01 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10. Koizumi is 6-2 (5); Okawa 9-7-2 (5).

Promoter: Rocky Promotions

Attendance: 2,000

(10-14-90)

TOKYO—Korakuen Hall—Unbeaten lanky boxer-puncher **Katsuya Onizuka**, 115, extended to 14-0 (13), as he finally caught defending champion **Shunichi Nakajima**, the WBA's sixth-ranked 115-pounder, and pummeled him into submission at 1:46 of the 10th and final round to win the Japanese junior bantamweight title. The 20-year-old Onizuka, ranked seventh by the WBA, looked nervous at the outset, while Nakajima, 29, showed his experience. It was Nakajima's seventh defense, and his first appearance since his failure to win the WBA crown vs. Khaosai Galaxy in June. The younger, taller, and fresher Onizuka was the prefight favorite due to his superior punching power. But Nakajima kept bobbing and weaving to enter short range.

The tide turned in round five, as Onizuka began to find his usual rhythm.

In the 10th, Yonekura, the manager of Nakajima, threw in the towel to save the champion from further punishment. It was a dramatic title change.

With more experience, Onizuka will fight for the world throne. But he must learn more and improve his mental strength. Nakajima fell to 23-6 (13).

In the semifinal, Jun Sato, a busy footworker with soft hands, 128, was awarded a controversial hairline decision over Takanori Takakura, the JBC's ninth-ranked featherweight, 127, in 10 hot frames. The winner is 9-9-1 (0). Takakura fell to 4-3 (0).

Alan Escamila Tanaka, a Filipino lefty, 118, chalked up a quick knockout of Naoji Yamamoto, 117, sending him to the deck thrice en route to an automatic stoppage at 2:50 of the opening session in a scheduled six.

Promoter: Yonekura Promotions

Attendance: 3,000

(10-15-90)

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Remarks: The scheduled crack of Kiyoshi Hatanaka, the WBA's third-ranked bantamweight, at Luisito Espinosa's WBA throne is off due to the postponement of the champion's mandatory defense against Thanomsak Sithboabay in Thailand. That fight was slated to take place in the middle of October, and then was put off to November 21, and then to November 28. Hatanaka's shot at the WBA title was planned in Nagoya on Christmas Eve, but the promoter, Koji Matsuda, now has to reschedule it for the spring.

Joe Koizumi

KOREA

GUMI—Former WBC world junior flyweight champion **Jung Koo Chang**, 112, registered a fine knockout over Filipino champion **Rico Siodora**, 112, as he punched his opponent off the ropes and onto the ring apron for the count at 2:55 of the eighth session in a scheduled 10. It was Chang's first appearance since his disappointing loss to Humberto Gonzalez in his quest to regain the WBC light flyweight throne in December 1989.

It was a tuneup before Chang's crack at Sot Chitalada's WBC flyweight title on November 24. Siodora went the distance when he fought Chitalada for the title in Thailand in January.

Due to his inactivity, Chang didn't look sharp in the first half, while Siodora fought well with roundhouse blows. In round five, Siodora was penalized a point for repeated holding. It became a start for Chang. Siodora looked exhausted and slow in the eighth, when Chang furiously attacked. A left hook following a solid right dropped Siodora onto the apron and he was counted out. Chang, 27, upped to 38-2 (17). Siodora fell to 14-4-2 (3).

Ex-OPBF welterweight champion Young Kil Chung, 154¼, finally caught Filipino welterweight titlist Francisco Ferrer, 154¼, and demolished him at 2:03 of the 10th and final round. Ferrer fought at close range, which annoyed the taller Chung. But the more powerful Chung battered the slower Filipino, who was given a standing count in round eight. In the ninth, Chung pinned him to the ropes and dropped him with a solid right following vicious body shots. Ferrer was saved by the bell, but he couldn't endure the Korean's attack in the final session. Chung sent the Fillipino down again in the 10th, and Ferrer failed to beat the count. Chung is 29-6-2 (21). Ferrer fell to a reported 32-13-5 (15).

Korean bantamweight champion Jae Hee Lee, 117¾, kept the national crown by outscoring Ki Chin Moon, 117½, in 10. Lee is 13-2-2 (3); Moon 8-3-3 (1).

Former OPBF bantamweight champion Jun Huh, 122, returned to ring warfare after a long layoff and made short work of Roberto Garcia, the Philippine number-three contender, 123, at 1:58 of the first round in a scheduled 10. Huh lost the OPBF crown via an opening-round kayo by Eun Shik Lee, and this was his comeback go. Now that Huh has moved up to the 122-pound class, he will not have any weight problems. Huh is 24-2 (16); Garcia 10-6-1 (5).

Promoter: Kukdong Promotions

(9-15-90)

SEOUL—Munhwa Gymnasium—This was a doubleheader featuring Russian boxers who turned professional in Korea. **Prisiaynouk Vadim**, 128¼, scored a onesided decision over **Byung Do Ahn**, the KBC's second-ranked junior lightweight, 128¼, in eight. Ahn kept running away from the shorter Soviet. It was a disappointing contest. Ahn fell to 7-4-3 (6).

Another Russian, Khakimov Erik, 144¼, was awarded a controversial decision over Tae Yul Kim, the KBC's third-ranked junior welterweight, 144½, in eight. Kim appeared to have an edge before the final session. In the eighth, Erik caught the willing mixer with a vicious left hook, dropping the Korean. The knockdown gave a decision to the Russian. Erik is 2-0 (0); Kim 5-3 (4).

Tae Bok Yum, 136, outpointed Sam Soo Park, 135¾, in 10. Yum is 6-2-1 (5); Park 7-5-2 (5).

Promoter: Dongil Promotions

(9-9-90)

CHOCHIWON—**Nam Hoon Cha**, the WBA's fifth-ranked junior flyweight, 108, kept the OPBF crown as he displayed superior speed and whipped Filipino veteran **Little Baguio**, 107½, en route to a fine kayo at 2:04 of the eighth round in a scheduled 12. Little, formerly the WBC International champion, missed many blows and lost his stamina in the later rounds. In the fatal session, Cha caught his slower opponent with sharp combos and dropped him for the count. Cha is 16-1-1 (6); Baguio 40-17-8 (8).

Yung Chun Min, the WBC's 11th-ranked bantamweight, 119, scored with fierce opening attacks vs. Filipino Obet Maamo, 118, and finished him at 2:23 of the second round in a scheduled 10. Min, an aggressive puncher, is 16-1 (9); Maamo 12-7 (8).

Bong Chul Kim, the KBC's second-ranked junior featherweight, 124¼, covered himself up against the opening rallies of Tom Ramos, a Filipino swinger, 123¼, and delivered lethal shots to finish him for the count at 1:59 of the third round in a scheduled 10. Kim is 16-1-2 (8); Ramos 32-22-7 (15).

Chae Dong Lim, 121¼, seized the vacant Korean junior featherweight title by outpointing Yong Nam Lee, 121¾, in 10. Lim is 10-5-2 (5); Lee 10-3-4 (5).

Chong Hoon Yuh, 139¼, wrested the Korean national junior welterweight crown by winning a decision over defending champion **Sung Woon Song**, 139¾, in 10. Yuh is 9-2 (6); Song 21-4-1 (6).

Promoter: Camel Promotions

(9-22-90)

SEOUL—Palpal Gymnasium—Unbeaten **Yun Un Chin**, the WBA's sixth-ranked flyweight, 114¼, effectively landed body shots vs. Filipino southpaw **Jerry Tarona**, 113½, and halted him at 1:02 of the third round in a scheduled 10. Chin, a lanky boxer-puncher, cornered the Filipino with a flurry of punches, and the loser's cornerman tossed in the towel. But the referee neglected the sign of surrender and counted him out. Chin, 21-0 (15), is gunning for a shot at the world crown. Tarona, the GAB's top-ranked flyweight, is 9-7-3 (3).

Unbeaten prospect Yong Hoon Lee, the WBA's fourth-ranked bantamweight, 122¼, failed to score an expected kayo, but won a shutout decision over Filipino Edgar Apatan, the GAB's sixth-ranked junior featherweight, 122¼, in 10. Lee is 17-0 (10); Apatan 39-9-7 (14).

Promoter: Camel Promotions

(9-23-90)

Joe Koizumi and Yoo-Chang Kim

THAILAND

BANGKOK—Lumpinee Stadium—Having been dethroned by Michael Carbajal in July, former IBF junior flyweight champion **Muangchai Kittikasem**, 112, scored an impressive first-round kayo over tough Filipino **Vic Galme**, 114, in a scheduled 10. Kittikasem's hook was a haymaker. Galme struggled to his feet, but had already been counted out. The loser had always been a durable opponent. Kittikasem, 11-1 (7), will move up to the flyweight class.

IBF minimumweight champion Phalan Lukmingkwan, 108, engaged in a non-title go and defeated Korean champion Byung Chul Kim, 108, by unanimous decision in 10. The winner had the Korean on the deck with a fast southpaw one-two in the fourth, and had him groggy in round seven. But his lack of convincing power prevented him from scoring an expected knockout. Lukmingkwan, 17-1 (7), will next face Filipino champion and IBF top contender Pretty Boy Lucas.

(9-25-90)

BANGKOK—Rajadamnern Stadium—Having been decisioned by Japan's Hisashi Tokushima in a close fight last July, **Kaj Chartbandit**, the TBC's eighth-ranked junior flyweight, 111, was rendered a split nod over **Charkong Kiatnumchok**, 112, in six hard-fought rounds. The winner is 11-4 (4).

(9-12-90)

Joe Koizumi, Ryuichi Kotani, and Naris

PHILIPPINES

MINGLANILA, CEBU—Up-and-coming **Peter Culzon**, the GAB's second-ranked flyweight, 113, improved to 13-0 as he took a split decision over **Flash Bernadez**, 111½, in 10.

Eldie Pardero, 116, knocked out Arnold Lumando, 113¼, at 1:45 of the fourth round in a scheduled 10.

Promoter: Martin Enriquez Jr.

(8-18-90)

MARBEL, SOUTHP COTABATO—**Mario Parcon**, the GAB's ninth-ranked flyweight, 114, impressively knocked out **Jimmy Bonggot**, 114, in the second session of a scheduled 10.

Rolando Velentin, 113, TKO'd Ver Parcon, 113, in the eighth round of a scheduled 10.

Promoter: Carmelino Buenaflor

(8-19-90)

CEBU—Cebu Coliseum—Ex-IBF junior flyweight and flyweight champion **Dodie Boy Penalosa**, 112½, was lackluster in his majority decision over Thai **Den**

Chuvatana, 113, who kept retreating and refused to mix it up. The winner is 29-2-1.

Ramy Dumpa, the GAB's top-ranked junior lightweight, 134, was held to a split draw by Flash Ursus, 133½, in 10.

Armand Ramos, 126½, scored an upset second-round kayo over top-ranked Fillipino featherweight Allan Inguito, 126½.

Promoter: Martin Enriquez
(8-25-90)

PARANAQUE, METRO MANILA—In a scheduled 10, former Philippines junior featherweight champion **Little Bangoyan**, 122, looked impressive as he registered a fourth-round TKO over **Fernando Sagado**, 124, with a left-right to the face.

Tiger Ari, 125, furiously battled with Ronnie Boy Pena, 123, and was awarded a split decision in 10.

Mario Sajulan, 107½, scored a unanimous decision over Joel Saguid, 109, in 10.

Promoter: Papa Lope Sarreal
(8-22-90)

VALENCIA, COCKPIT, VALENCIA, BUKIDNON—Top-ranked Philippines junior flyweight **John Medina**, 108, earned a majority decision over **Ronnie Tan**, 108, in 10.

Rey Cogonon, 112, scored a unanimous decision over Warito Franco, 111, in 10.

Rico Macaubos, 106, decisioned Renanto Betsaida, 106, in 10.

Young Christopher, 110, TKO'd Arnold Solitario, 107, at 2:15 of the eighth round in a scheduled 10.

Promoter: Isabelo Bacolod
(8-26-90)

CEBU—Cebu Coliseum—The Philippine headliner is unbeaten **Ala Villamor**, who impressively knocked out ex-IBF miniflyweight champion **Nico Thomas**, Indonesia, at 2:54 of the second session in a scheduled 10-rounder before some 15,000 fans. Villamor registered his 14th win in as many pro bouts, including 13 knockouts. Thomas was regarded as tough opposition. The Indonesian veteran started confidently in the first round, but Villamor retaliated with accurate jabs and one-twos. In the second round, Villamor utilized three-punch combinations. He cornered Thomas, peppering him with a dozen of solid blows to the face and midsection. The durable Indonesian withstood the furious attack and attempted to fight back, but the cool Villamor unleashed faster punches and pinned Thomas in the corner. The Filipino landed sharp lefts and rights, followed by punches to the ribs. Down Thomas went, stretched unconscious. The Indonesian was immediately carried out of the ring on a stretcher and was rushed to the hospital.

In the near future, Villamor will be given an opportunity to fight for either the vacant Philippine throne or the OPBF title.

Unbeaten lightweight prospect Ernie Alesna chalked up a TKO over Warlito Sorbeto, the GAB's seventh-junior lightweight, at 2:02 of the eighth session. Alesna is 9-0 (7).

Nick Caintoy stopped Leo Ramirez at 2:57 of the fifth round in a scheduled 10.

Noel Tunacao handed the more experienced Nikki Maca a well-received points defeat in 10.

Jesse Maca, Nikki's younger brother, scored a unanimous verdict over Sul Anoos in eight.

Jerry Quijano eked out a split duke over Edgie Choy Baguio in eight.
(9-29-90)

MANILA—Ninoy Aquino Stadium—**Paquito Opoeno** kept the WBC International junior featherweight title, as his right uppercut to the chin sent challenger **Ronnie Belaro**, the Filipino champion, down for the full count at 2:17 of the 11th round in a scheduled 12. Openo dropped Belaro with a left hook, but Belaro became the aggressor thereafter.

In a companion 12, Virgilio Openo, Paquito's brother, won a unanimous decision over Samuel Duran, the WBC International bantamweight champion, without the latter's crown at stake. It was a close battle, but referee Tom Evaristo's deduction of a point from Duran gave a slight edge to Openo.

Tiger Ari, whose real name is Eder Olvetti, 129½, pounded out a unanimous decision over Mon del Rose, 129, in 10.

Lion Ari, whose real name is Oscar Olivetti Jr., 123½ was awarded a split decision over Ronnie Boy Pena, 124, in 10.
(9-14-90)

CEBU—Previously unbeaten **Peter Cuizon**, 13-1, the GAB's top flyweight contender, hit the deck in the second and sixth rounds, had a bleeding forehead caused by an accidental butt, and suffered his first setback, losing a unanimous decision to **Fred Tepait** in 10.

Dan Nietes, 8-0 (6), knocked out Rey Parreno at 2:05 of the second round in a junior bantamweight 10.

Comebacking Arman Ramos won a unanimous nod over Jimmy Nacabalan in 10.
(9-15-90)

PARANAQUE, METRO MANILA—Former Philippine junior featherweight champion **Little Bangoyan**, 121, came off the canvas in the fifth and earned a split decision over **Puma de Oro**, 121, in 10. Scoring: 96-95, 97-94, and 94-98.

Ric Magramo Jr., 112, unanimously outpointed Sergio Pepito, 112, in 10.
(9-26-90)

MANILA—Ninoy Aquino Stadium—WBA bantamweight champion **Luisito Espinosa**, 25-5 (13), proved too strong for **Yong Man Chun**, Korea, 11-7-1 (4), dropped him thrice, and scored a knockout in the first round of a scheduled 10.

Streaking WBC International flyweight champion Jonathan Penalosa, 13-0 (7), won a unanimous decision over Korean Jae Hyun Kim, 5-2 (4), in 10.
(10-12-90)

Joe Koizumi, Joaquin Henson, and GAB

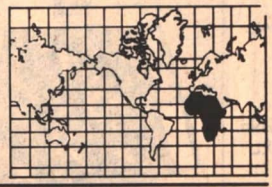
INDONESIA

WEST SUMATERA PROVINCE—Pangsuma Hall—**Wim Sapulete** retained the Indonesian bantamweight title with a unanimous 12-round decision over **Johanes Matahelemual**, the number-seven contender, in 12. Scoring: 115-113, 118-111, and 118-110. Matahelemual predicted an eight-round kayo win, but was staggered by the champion in that round. Sudarsono refereed.

Lightweight Maddin Slamet knocked out Suparno in six.

Noco Toriry outpointed Aswan Ab; junior welterweights.
(9-29-90)

Joe Koizumi, P. Setijadi Laksono, and Abbas Prabowo



AFRICA

SOUTH AFRICA

BUTTERWORTH—Msobomvu Hall—**Mbuyiseli Xokolo** retained the Transkei flyweight title when he stopped **Mncedisi Faku** in the second round of a scheduled 10. Xokolo completely overwhelmed his challenger, and the corner threw in the towel as Faku was pinned on the ropes and not fighting back.

Promoter: Koko Godlo
Attendance: 2,000
(8-18-90)

EAST LONDON—Orient Theatre—**Jaji Sibali** retained the South African flyweight title for the third time when he stopped **Elijah Diphagwe** in the eighth round of a scheduled 12-rounder.

For the first six rounds it was a slugfest. But from the seventh, Sibali got his jab working, and a barrage dropped Diphagwe in the eighth. When he regained his feet, he raised his arms in surrender.

In the main support, Andrew Matyhila completely outclassed Nqaba Govuza over 10 rounds to win the vacant Cape flyweight title.

Victor Fata stopped Johannes Motaung in the second round; junior lightweights.

Attendance: 1,000 (estimated)
(8-26-90)

BENONI—City Hall—South African middleweight champion **Charles Oosthuizen** proved himself to be in a different league than Mexican **Gonzales Montes**, dismissing Montes with a barrage of punches in the 10th and final round. The 27-year-old Oosthuizen is 25-5-2; Montes 23-8-1.

Promoter: Marcus Nkosi
Attendance: 900
(9-2-90)

JOHANNESBURG—Nasrec Indoor Arena—**Derrick Whiteboy**, the South African bantamweight champion, scored his first international victory when he outpointed **Roberto Herrera**, Mexico, over 10 rounds. The Mexican southpaw was completely outboxed by the busier South African.

In the main support, David Mthembu scored a split decision over Jan Horn in a 10-rounder for the vacant Transvaal light heavyweight title.

Promoter: Reggie Hillman
Attendance: 1,000
(9-3-90)

UITENHAGE—Indoor Sports Centre—**Luvuyo Kakaza** knocked out **Mpisekhaya Mbaduli** in the third round of a scheduled 10-rounder. Kakaza forfeited the Cape lightwewight title when he came in overweight. Mbaduli started off well and held his own for the first two rounds, but a perfect right to the jaw decked him for the full count in the third.

In a junior featherweight clash, Zolani Mokhubalo scored an eight-round decision over the more experienced Mzwandile Somthunzi.

Promoter: Manuel Ribeiro
Attendance: 1,500 (estimated)
(9-3-90)

EAST LONDON—Orient Theatre—**Jackie Gunguluza** retained the South African featherweight title with 12-rounds decision over determined southpaw **Stanford Ngcebeshe**.

Up to the sixth round, Ngcebeshe was slightly in front. But from the seventh, Gunguluza took control with good counterpunching and ran out an easy winner.

In a welterweight clash, Victor Fata stopped Johannes Hoshella in the eighth.

Attendance: 1,000 (estimated)
(9-9-90)

JOHANNESBURG—Nasrec Indoor Arena—In a disappointing clash for the South African welterweight title relinquished by Harold Volbrecht, **Linda Nondzaba**, knocked out **Frederick Siswana** in the fifth round of a scheduled 12-rounder.

Nondzaba is 18-3-2; Siswana 12-4-2.

Prospect Eugene Khanyile stopped Freddie Kotze in the second round; lightweights.

Promoter: Mike Segal
Attendance: 1,200
(9-10-90)

DURBAN—Red Cross Hall—**Freddie Rafferty** regained the South African junior heavyweight title when he came from behind to knock out defending champion **Howard Mpepesi** in the 10th round of a scheduled 12-rounder.

Gideon Hlongwa stopped Themba Msweli in the seventh round; heavyweights.

Promoter: Wayne Wesley-Smith
Attendance: 500 (estimated)
(9-16-90)

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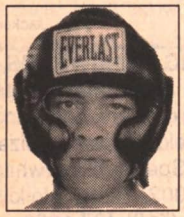

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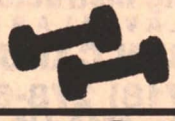

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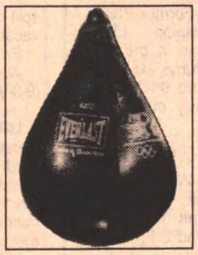

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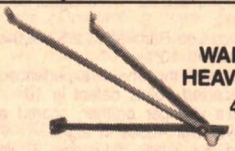

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JIMMY LENNON JR.

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By Lee Groves

When Jimmy Lennon Jr. began his ring announcing career in 1982, he realized that comparisons to his father, Jimmy Lennon Sr., were inevitable. After all, he was following in the footsteps of the man many call the greatest ring announcer of all time. But judging by his growing reputation, Jimmy Jr. may someday achieve the status enjoyed by his 77-year-old father, who retired several years ago for health reasons.

The 31-year-old bachelor from Santa Monica said he never intended to pursue a ring announcing career. While growing up, however, boxing was part of the family.

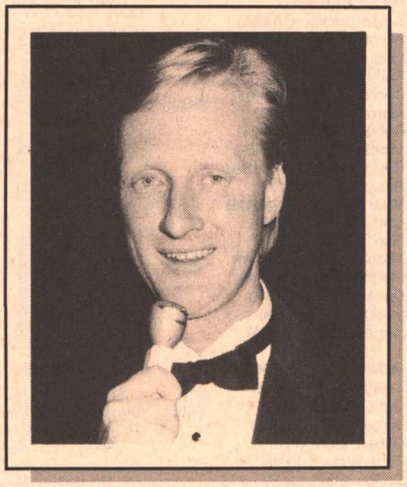
"My two brothers, two sisters, and I watched boxing on TV regularly," Lennon said. "Sometimes, when Mom would drop a dish in the kitchen, it would sound like a bell, and we all would break into my father's announcing routine."

Lennon's first boxing home was the Olympic Auditorium, which was famous . . . or infamous . . . for the enthusiasm of its crowds.

"When Lupe Pintor and Jorge Lujan fought, they were a bit past their primes, but there was still a lot of interest," Lennon recalled. "When Pintor won a lopsided decision, the fans were so happy, they rioted. But this wasn't a violent riot, it was a *happy* riot."

Another strange moment came at the Great Western Forum, when Lennon was reading the decision of the first Azumah Nelson-Mario "Azabache" Martinez bout, a split decision for Nelson.

"The Mexican fans were all for Azabache, and when I began to announce Nelson as the winner, they all started cheering and carrying Martinez around the ring," Lennon recalled. "They were confused because 'Azumah' and 'Azabache' sounded alike."



Like his father, Lennon is known for his impeccable pronunciation of difficult names. While Lennon has never run across a name he couldn't pronounce, there are times when he has to put in some extra work. Like when he announces at Thai kickboxing exhibitions, and is called upon to pronounce names like Avannoi O. Sribualoi and Keittisak Nungmuangmaha.

"And Thai is not a language where you can sound out each name slowly by syllables," Lennon said. "You have to spit it out in one burst."

Whenever Lennon works in a foreign country, he makes it a point to open the show with a few sentences in that country's native tongue. On a flight to Indonesia, he happened to be seated beside an engineering professor from Jakarta. The professor taught Lennon a few phrases of Indonesian to use at the card.

"The response was overwhelming," Lennon recalled. "Everywhere I went, people were recognizing me, even the security guards and customs officials. They would mimic me, saying, 'Ladies and gentlemen . . . ' "

Lennon believes the skills of a good ring announcer include clarity of voice, proper pronunciation and enunciation of names, and a sense of when to build up an event. He says it is especially important to recognize his role, which is to keep the spotlight on the fighters, and not himself.

When not introducing fighters, Lennon teaches history, government, and photography at West L.A. Baptist School, where he has worked for eight years. Whenever Lennon has an out-of-town assignment, the school allows him to take off whatever time is necessary.

Lennon also plays keyboard for Trotsky Icepick, a band that performs at college campuses. He joins the band when they're recording albums, but his schedule no longer permits him to travel with them.

Because Lennon uses his father's trademark opening line of "Here we go," his critics accuse him of mimicking his father's delivery.

"It's just the way it comes out," he says. "I just try to announce everything the way it's supposed to be announced.

"People say that I have the genes, which is good and I'm proud of that. But my genes weren't sufficient at first because I wasn't a very good announcer at first. I think I've worked very hard to try to be good. To be compared to my father is the best compliment I could receive because he was the best who ever lived." ■

Lee Groves is a Ring correspondent based in West Virginia.

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RATINGS

HEAVYWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
James Douglas (USA)	C	8	9
Evander Holyfield (USA)	1	C	C
Mike Tyson (USA)	2	1	1
Razor Ruddock (CAN)	3	2	2
George Foreman (USA)	4	3	7
Gary Mason (GB)	5	6	-
Tim Witherspoon (USA)	6	5	11
Alex Stewart (JAM)	7	4	4
Renaldo Snipes (USA)	8	-	-
Mark Wills (USA)	9	-	-
Ray Mercer (USA)	10	9	5
Carl Williams (USA)	12	7	3
Pierre Coetzer (SA)	-	10	6
Tony Tucker (USA)	-	-	8
Riddick Bowe (USA)	21	11	10

CRUISERWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Massimiliano Duran (ITA)	C	-	-
Carlos DeLeon (PR)	1	5	-
Anaclet Wamba (FRA)	2	2	1
Nate Miller (USA)	3	3	2
Johnny Nelson (GB)	4	-	-
Derek Angol (GB)	5	4	-
Taoufik Belbouli (FRA)	6	1	-
Jose Flores Burlon (URU)	7	7	-
Olian Alexander (USA)	8	-	-
Craig Peterson (AUSTRL)	9	-	-
James Warring (USA)	10	-	-
Robert Daniels (USA)	-	C	-
Mike Hunter (USA)	-	6	8
Richard Mason (USA)	11	8	3
Bash Ali (USA)	-	9	6
Glenn McCrory (GB)	-	10	10
Jeff Lampkin (USA)	-	-	C
James Pritchard (USA)	-	-	4
Siza Makathini (SA)	-	-	5
Iby Zimmerman (CAU)	-	-	7
Jean Chanet (FRA)	-	-	9

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Dennis Andries (GB)	C	-	-
Guy Waters (AUSTRL)	1	1	-
Bobby Czyz (USA)	2	5	2
Jeff Harding (AUSTRL)	3	8	10
Tom Collins (GB)	4	-	-
Isaias Lucero (MEX)	5	4	7
Yawe Davis (UGA)	6	-	-
David Vedder (USA)	7	6	11
Sergio Merani (ARG)	8	-	-
Booker Word (USA)	9	3	3
Eric Nicoletta (FRA)	10	11	-
Virgil Hill (USA)	-	C	-
Mike Peak (USA)	-	2	-
Frank Winterstein (FRA)	-	7	-
Mwehu Beya (ITA)	21	9	9
Andrew Maynard (USA)	-	10	-
Charles Williams (USA)	-	-	C
James Kinchen (USA)	12	-	1
Graciano Rocchigiani (GER)	-	-	4
Freddie Delgado (PR)	22	-	5
Frank Tate (USA)	13	-	6
Vincent Boulware (USA)	-	-	8

SUPER MIDDLEWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Ray Leonard (USA)	C	-	-
Dario Matteoni (ARG)	1	4	-
Tony Byrd (USA)	2	2	1
Mauro Galvano (ITA)	3	7	9
Ron Essett (USA)	4	5	4
Dan Schommer (USA)	5	-	-
Frank Winterstein (FRA)	6	-	-
Don Lee (USA)	7	-	-
Dan Morgan (USA)	8	6	-
Victor Cordova (PAN)	9	1	6
Paul Whittaker (USA)	10	11	-
Chris Tiozzo (FRA)	-	C	-
Juan Carlos Gimenez (PAR)	11	3	3
Salvador Maciel (MEX)	-	8	-
John Jarvis (USA)	-	9	2
Lou Cafaro (AUS)	-	10	-
Lindell Holmes (USA)	-	-	C
Thulani Malinga (SA)	-	-	5
Tony Thornton (USA)	14	12	7
Nelson Aviles (GER)	-	-	8
Segundo Mercado (USA)	-	-	10

MIDDLEWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Julian Jackson (USA)	1	-	-
Herol Graham (GB)	2	2	2
Lindell Holmes (USA)	3	-	-
Sumbu Kalambay (ITA)	4	1	4
Dennis Milton (USA)	5	6	7
Merqui Sosa (USA)	6	8	12
Roberto Duran (PAN)	7	7	-
Michael Watson (GB)	8	9	5
Reggie Johnson (USA)	9	3	1
Steve Collins (USA)	10	4	11
Mike McCallum (JAM)	-	C	-
Chris Eubank (GB)	-	5	-
Ron Collins (USA)	12	10	6
Michael Nunn (USA)	-	-	C
Matthew Hilton (CAN)	-	-	3
Donald Curry (USA)	14	-	8
Iran Barkley (USA)	-	-	9
James Toney (USA)	-	12	10

JUNIOR MIDDLEWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Terry Norris (USA)	C	-	-
Chris Pyatt (GB)	1	5	10
Jorge Castro (ARG)	2	7	-
Gilbert Dele (FRA)	3	2	2
Troy Waters (AUSTRL)	4	-	-
Carlos Elliot (JAP)	5	1	9
Rene Jacquot (FRA)	6	10	8
Julio Cesar Vazquez (ARG)	7	4	-
Quincy Taylor (USA)	8	-	-
Arthur Serwano (USA)	9	-	6
Brett Lally (USA)	10	-	11
Julian Jackson (VI)	-	C	-
Jun Sok Hwang (KOR)	15	3	-
Hugo Vilte (ARG)	-	6	-
Gregory Clark (SA)	-	8	-
Horacio Perez (COL)	13	9	-
Gianfranco Rosi (ITA)	-	-	C
Glenn Wolfe (USA)	12	-	1
Roy Jones (USA)	-	-	3
Darrin Van Horn (USA)	11	12	4
Ron Amundson (USA)	-	-	5
Tyrone Trice (USA)	-	-	7

WELTERWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Maurice Blocker (USA)	C	-	-
Buddy McGirt (USA)	1	2	1
Glenwood Brown (USA)	2	4	2
Marlon Starling (USA)	3	-	6
Engels Pedroza (VEN)	4	3	5
Jorge Bracamonte (ARG)	5	12	-
Mark Breland (USA)	6	5	7
Jose Bermudez (COL)	7	9	-
Kirkland Laing (ENG)	8	8	8
Genaro Leon (MEX)	9	-	12
Crisanto Espana (VEN)	10	6	-
Aaron Davis (USA)	-	C	-
Luis Garcia (VEN)	-	1	4
Meldrick Taylor (USA)	-	7	3
Hiroyuki Yoshino (JAP)	13	10	10
Simon Brown (USA)	-	-	C
Carl Daniels (USA)	-	-	9

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Julio Cesar Chavez (MEX)	C	-	C
Kyung Duk Ahn (KOR)	1	4	-
Meldrick Taylor (USA)	2	-	-
Roger Mayweather (USA)	3	5	4
Angel Hernandez (PR)	4	2	-
Alberto Cortes (ARG)	5	-	-
Juan M. Coggi (ARG)	6	3	8
Sammy Fuentes (PR)	7	-	-
Efren Calamati (ITA)	8	-	-
Harold Brazier (USA)	9	-	5
Primo Ramos (MEX)	10	-	-
Loreto Garza (USA)	-	C	-
Akinobu Hiranaka (JAP)	-	1	-
Pat Barrett (ENG)	12	6	10
Rafael Pineda (COL)	11	7	2
Mun Sil Chi (KOR)	15	8	-
John Meekins (USA)	17	9	9
Vinny Pazienza (USA)	14	10	7
Louie Lomeli (USA)	25	11	1
Charles Murray (USA)	21	-	3
Rodney Moore (USA)	19	-	6

LIGHTWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Pernell Whitaker (USA)	C	C	C
Chil Sung Chun (KOR)	1	3	-
Poli Diaz (SPA)	2	1	3
Tracy Spann (USA)	3	2	1
Darryl Tyson (USA)	4	7	4
Anthony Jones (USA)	5	10	8
Freddie Pendleton (USA)	6	-	2
Fabian Tejeda (ARG)	7	11	-
Carl Crook (GB)	8	-	-
Sharmba Mitchell (USA)	9	-	7
Tae Jin Moon (KOR)	10	9	-
Primo Ramos (MEX)	-	4	5
Juan Nazario (PR)	18	5	10
William Rojas (VEN)	-	6	-
Iwao Otomo (JAP)	11	8	-
Eduardo Molina (COL)	25	-	6
John Duplessis (USA)	-	-	9

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Azumah Nelson (GHA)	C	-	-
Jeff Fenech (AUSTRL)	1	-	-
Juan LaPorte (PR)	2	-	-
Genaro Hernandez (USA)	3	2	-
Frankie Mitchell (USA)	4	6	9
Bernard Taylor (USA)	5	11	8
Tyrone Downes (TRIN)	6	-	-
Jim McDonnell (GB)	7	-	-
John-John Molina (USA)	8	-	1
Pedro Gutierrez (ARG)	9	-	-
Hengky Gun (INDO)	10	-	-
Brian Mitchell (SA)	-	C	-
Anibal Nieves (VEN)	16	1	-
Joey Gamache (USA)	12	3	6
Daniel Londas (FRA)	-	4	-
Jerry Ngobeni (SA)	-	5	4
Wilson Palacios (COL)	-	7	-
Rudy Cabiles (PHIL)	-	8	11
Renato Cornett (AUSTRL)	11	9	7
Joey Jacobs (USA)	-	10	-
Tony Lopez (USA)	-	-	C
Jorge Ramirez (MEX)	25	-	2
Fernando Caicedo (COL)	-	-	3
Jose Sanabria (VEN)	-	-	5
Calvin Grove (USA)	23	-	10

FEATHERWEIGHT	WBC	WBA	IBF
Marcos Villasana (MEX)	C	-	-
Paul Hodkinson (GB)	1	5	12
Ricardo Cepeda (USA)	2	2	2
Javier Marquez (MEX)	3	-	-
Louie Espinoza (USA)	4	-	6
Yung Kyun Park (KOR)	5	3	-
Rafael Zuniga (COL)	6	6	4
Takeyuki Akagi (JAP)	7	-	-
Seiji Asakawa (JAP)	8	8	-
Eloy Rojas (VEN)	9	1	-
Ever Beleno (COL)	10	-	-
Antonio Esparragoza (VEN)	-	C	-
Jackie Gunguluza (SA)	-	4	-
Alfred Rangel (USA)	11	7	3
Harold Warren (USA)	-	9	-
Jose Sanabria (VEN)	24	10	-
Jorge Paez (MEX)	-	-	C
Troy Dorsey (USA)	13	-	1
Lupe Gutierrez (USA)	17	-	5
Manuel Medina (MEX)	-	-	7

WBC as of August
WBA as of October
IBF as of November

Steve McCrory (USA)	-	-	8
Francisco Arreola (USA)	-	-	9
Julian Solis (USA)	-	-	10

JUNIOR FEATHERWEIGHT	**WBC**	**WBA**	**IBF**
Paul Banke (USA)	C	-	-
Pedro Decima (ARG)	1	7	4
Tracy Patterson (USA)	2	2	3
Jesse Benavides (USA)	3	4	2
Daniel Zaragoza (MEX)	4	-	-
Chan Young Park (KOR)	5	-	-
Jesus Salud (USA)	6	-	-
Ki Jun Lee (KOR)	7	-	-
Noree Jockygym (THAI)	8	3	-
Arcelio Diaz (COL)	9	6	6
Jae Won Choi (KOR)	10	-	-
Luis Mendoza (COL)	15	C	-
Carlos Uribe (CHILE)	1	1	-
Freddy Cruz (DR)	-	5	-
Ruben Palacios (COL)	14	8	-
Chang Kyun Oh (KOR)	-	9	-
Wilfredo Vasquez (PR)	-	10	-
Welcome Ncita (SA)	-	-	C
Baby Rojas (USA)	18	-	1
Hurley Snead (USA)	-	-	5
Fabrice Benichou (FRA)	12	12	7
Jemal Hinton (USA)	-	11	8
Gerardo Lopez (PAN)	-	-	9
Miguel Arrozal (PHIL)	-	-	10

BANTAMWEIGHT	**WBC**	**WBA**	**IBF**
Raul Perez (MEX)	C	-	-
Pepillo Valdez (MEX)	1	4	7
Changuito Carmona (MEX)	2	-	-
Chang Kyun Oh (KOR)	3	-	-
Kiyoshi Hatanaka (JAP)	4	3	6
Yong Hoon Lee (KOR)	5	5	-
Greg Richardson (USA)	6	9	5
Eun Sik Lee (KOR)	7	7	-
Gerardo Martinez (USA)	8	-	-
Bernardo Mendoza (CHILE)	9	-	-
Billy Hardy (GB)	10	-	1
Luisito Espinosa (PHI)	-	C	-
Thanomsak Sithbaobey (THAI)	-	1	-
Israel Contreras (VEN)	-	2	2
Eliecher Julio (COL)	-	6	-
Hurley Snead (USA)	13	8	-
Abraham Torres (VEN)	-	10	-
Orlando Canizales (USA)	-	-	C
Thierry Jacob (FRA)	-	-	3
Duke McKenzie (GB)	16	-	4
Eddie Rangel (USA)	-	-	8
Francisco Alvarez (COL)	21	-	9
Javier Leon (MEX)	-	-	10

JUNIOR BANTAMWEIGHT	**WBC**	**WBA**	**IBF**
Sung Kil Moon (KOR)	C	-	-
Nana Konadu (GHA)	1	-	-
Thanomsak Sithbaobay (THAI)	2	-	-
Kid Akeem (NIG)	3	5	8
Elvis Alvarez (COL)	4	-	-
Rey Paciones (PHI)	5	2	2
David Griman (VEN)	6	1	-
Santos Laciar (ARG)	7	-	-
Shunichi Nakajima (JAP)	8	-	11
Johnny Tapia (USA)	9	6	4
Carlos Mercado (COL)	10	9	1
Khaosai Galaxy (THAI)	-	C	-
Katsuya Onizuka (JAP)	17	3	-
Ernesto Ford (PAN)	16	4	-
Kenji Matsumura (JAP)	14	7	-
William Ramos (PR)	-	8	-
Hugo Soto (ARG)	-	10	-
Robert Quiroga (USA)	-	-	C
Juan Polo (COL)	15	11	3
Daorung Chuvatana (THAI)	-	-	5
Sitoshi Shingaki (JAP)	-	-	6
Vincenzo Belcastro (SA)	-	-	7
Victor Rabanales (MEX)	-	-	9
Marianus (INDO)	-	-	10

FLYWEIGHT	**WBC**	**WBA**	**IBF**
Sot Chitalada (THAI)	C	-	-
Richard Clarke (JAM)	1	-	6
Jung Koo Chang (KOR)	2	-	1
Yong Kang Kim (KOR)	3	-	-
Romy Navarette (PHIL)	4	-	-
Yun Un Chin (KOR)	5	7	-
Yul Woo Lee (KOR)	6	5	-
Francisco Tejedor (COL)	7	-	-
Jae Suk Park (KOR)	8	9	-
Pat Clinton (GB)	9	-	-
Jesus Rojas (VEN)	10	2	-
Leopard Tamakuma (JAP)	-	C	-
Elvis Alvarez (COL)	-	1	-
Rodolfo Blanco (COL)	15	3	2
Dodi Penalosa (PHI)	13	4	3
Kotaro Hayashi (JAP)	-	6	-
Torsak Osoisapa (THAI)	-	8	5
Carlos Salazar (USA)	11	10	-
Dave McAuley (IRE)	-	-	C
Javier Lucas (MEX)	-	-	1
Tongchai Kittikasem (THAI)	-	-	4
Al Kotey (GHA)	-	-	7
Ricky Romero (USA)	12	-	8
Pedro Feliciano (USA)	-	-	9
Isaias Zamudio (USA)	-	-	10

LIGHT FLYWEIGHT	**WBC**	**WBA**	**IBF**
Humberto Gonzalez (MEX)	C	-	-
Domingo Sosa (DR)	1	-	2
Hiroki Ioka (JAP)	2	2	4
Rey Hernandez (MEX)	3	-	10
Rolando Pascua (PHIL)	4	-	-
Nam Hoon Cha (KOR)	5	5	-
Leon Salazar (PAN)	6	4	1
Jeung Keun Lim (KOR)	7	9	-
Jorge Rivera (MEX)	8	-	9
Katzumi Komiyama (JAP)	9	-	-
Santiago Mendez (MEX)	10	-	-
Yuh Myung Woo (KOR)	-	C	-
Leo Gamez (VEN)	11	1	5
Kajkong Danphoothai (THAI)	-	3	-
Hector Patri (ARG)	-	6	-
Muangchai Kittikasem (THAI)	12	7	6
Juan Torres (PAN)	-	8	-
Luis Paredes (CHI)	-	10	-
Michael Carbajal (USA)	-	-	C
Robinson Cuestas (PAN)	-	12	3
Santiago Mendez (MEX)	-	-	7
Tacy Macalos (PHIL)	-	-	8

STRAWWEIGHT	**WBC**	**WBA**	**IBF**
Hideyuki Ohashi (JAP)	C	-	-
Kyung Yung Lee (KOR)	1	-	-
Pretty Boy Lucas (PHIL)	2	2	1
Hector Patri (ARG)	3	-	5
Ricardo Lopez (MEX)	4	-	-
Chana Porpaoin (THAI)	5	3	7
Hi Yong Choi (KOR)	6	1	-
Jeum Hwan Choi (KOR)	7	-	-
Napa Kiatwanchai (THAI)	8	-	-
Silverio Barcenas (PAN)	9	6	-
Chairith Kongudom (THAI)	10	-	-
Bong Jun Kim (KOR)	-	C	-
Katsumi Komiyama (JAP)	-	4	-
Joo Sup Shin (KOR)	27	5	-
Carlos Rodriguez (VEN)	-	7	-
Kimio Hirano (JAP)	-	8	-
Danny Nunez (DR)	26	9	-
Jung Il Kom (KOR)	-	10	-
Far Lan Lookmingkwan (THAI)	-	-	C
Ala Villamor (PHIL)	12	12	2
Rocky Lim (JAP)	24	11	3
Felix Naranjo (COL)	-	-	4
Eric Chavez (PHIL)	29	-	6
Hideyuki Ohashi (PHIL)	-	-	8
Abdi Pohan (INDO)	-	-	9
Joe Constantino (PHIL)	-	-	10

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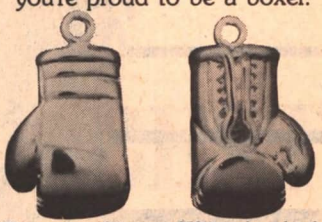

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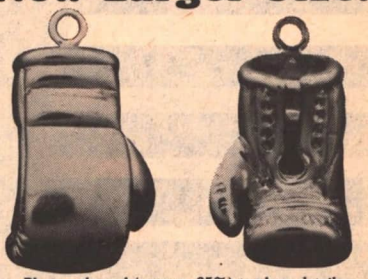

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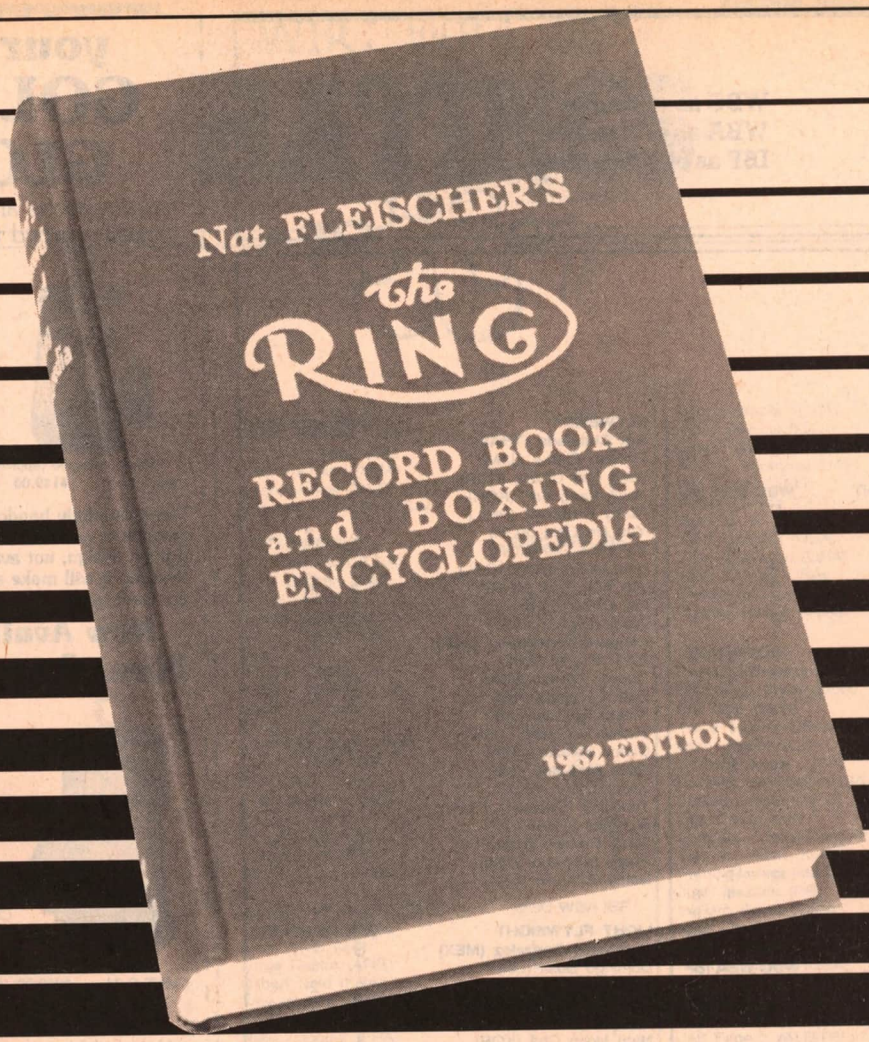

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ARMSTRONG AT HIS BEST

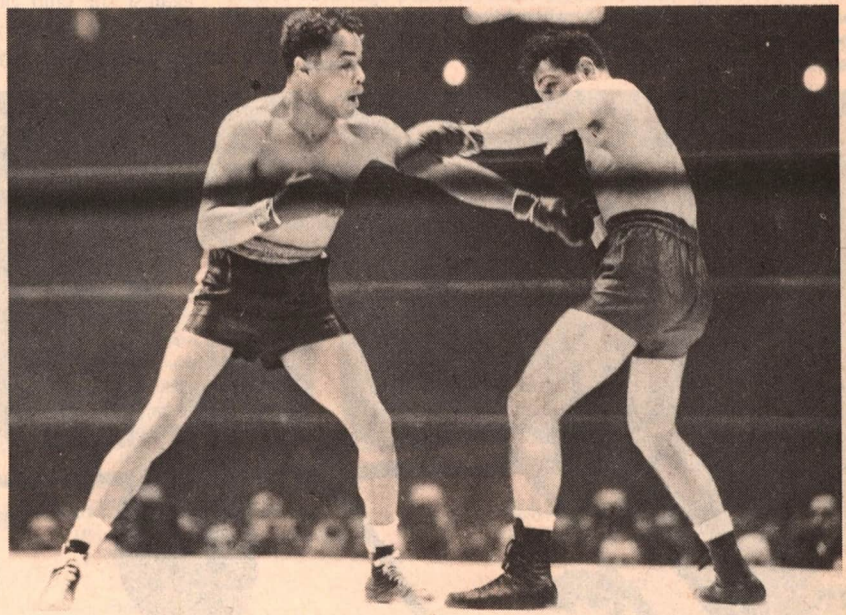
Homicide Hank, Fighting Furiously And At Mile-a-Minute Pace, Halts Montanez in 15th Defense of Welterweight Crown—Drops Puerto Rican Three Times

From The Ring, April 1940

By Nat Fleischer

What Joe Louis is to the heavyweight division, Henry Armstrong is to the welterweight class. That he proved so conclusively in the 15th defense of his title, when he halted the game, aggressive Pedro Montanez in the ninth round in Madison Square Garden. In a contest that was sizzling with action, "Homicide Hank" gave one of the best exhibitions of perpetual motion seen in New York in many moons.

Not only did he exhibit such stamina as made Ad Wolgast, Battling Nelson, and Terry McGovern famous, but he lashed out with lefts and rights, attacked to face and body, and missed occasionally, but landed sufficient effective punches to hand Pedro the worst shellacking he has ever received. It was by far the best fighting displayed by Armstrong since he won the welter title from Barney Ross.



Henry Armstrong's kayo of Pedro Montanez prompted Nat Fleischer to pay him the ultimate compliment: "What Joe Louis is to the heavyweight division, Henry Armstrong is to the welterweight class."

For savagery and bruising milling, the bout was one that satisfied every one of the 19,157 persons who paid $59,575 to see the two ringmen toss punches at each other. It was a struggle from start to finish, with Henry the aggressor and Pedro meeting him, punch for punch, in the first two sessions, and then resorting to counterattacks as the pace became too hot and the attack of the champion too severe.

Yet not once during the entire encounter did Montanez back away or show signs of fear. He took an unmerciful licking, and several times was on the verge of collapse, yet he stood his ground, mixed it when he could, took a volley of shots to all portions of the body, and never winced.

Those who, previous to the battle, had belittled the gameness of the Puerto Rican, probably felt ashamed of their attacks after viewing Montanez' performance. As a challenger, he proved himself a real fighter, but he found his master in the little terror, who seemed on this occasion to be at his best. Talk about Henry having gone back seems to be premature, if we are to judge by his splendid performance against Montanez. Apparently Hank has been taking things easy against mediocre opposition, but against fighters the caliber of Montanez, he cuts loose with a vengeance.

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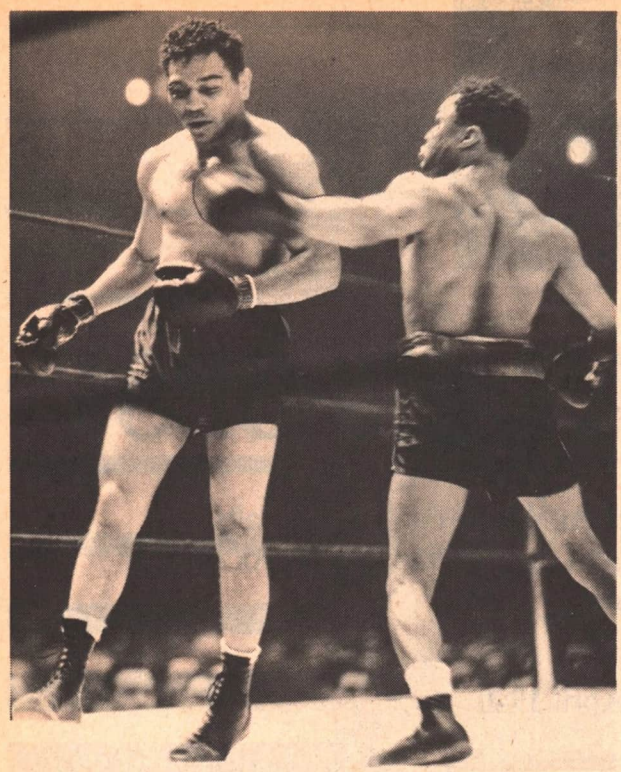
Montanez, after the first two rounds, proved no match for the titleholder. He fought toe to toe for a while, absorbed as much as he could, and then gradually was worn down to a point of exhaustion. Encouraged by the shouts of a huge gathering of his Harlem friends, Pedro did his best, but it was insufficient against such a whirlwind attack as was launched by his adversary.



Twice in the brutal fourth round Armstrong drove Montanez to the canvas. The challenger remained stubborn, however, and fought on until being rescued in the ninth. It was "Homicide Hank's" 15th title defense.

Round after round at the clang of the bell, Henry would leap forward and crash, as a starter, a left hook to the chin or to Pedro's swollen and bleeding eye. Then he'd follow with a barrage, and poor Montanez couldn't protect himself, so rapidly were the blows being tossed and so accurately were they reaching some vital spot, with only here and there a few misses.

Not even when he won the title in that hectic battle with Barney Ross, or when he fought Lou Ambers, did Armstrong show such speed and variety as he did against Montanez. Those who had expected that the weight of Henry, 139¾, his heaviest since he graduated from the featherweight ranks, would affect Hank's speed, found instead a little fighting demon with speed to burn.

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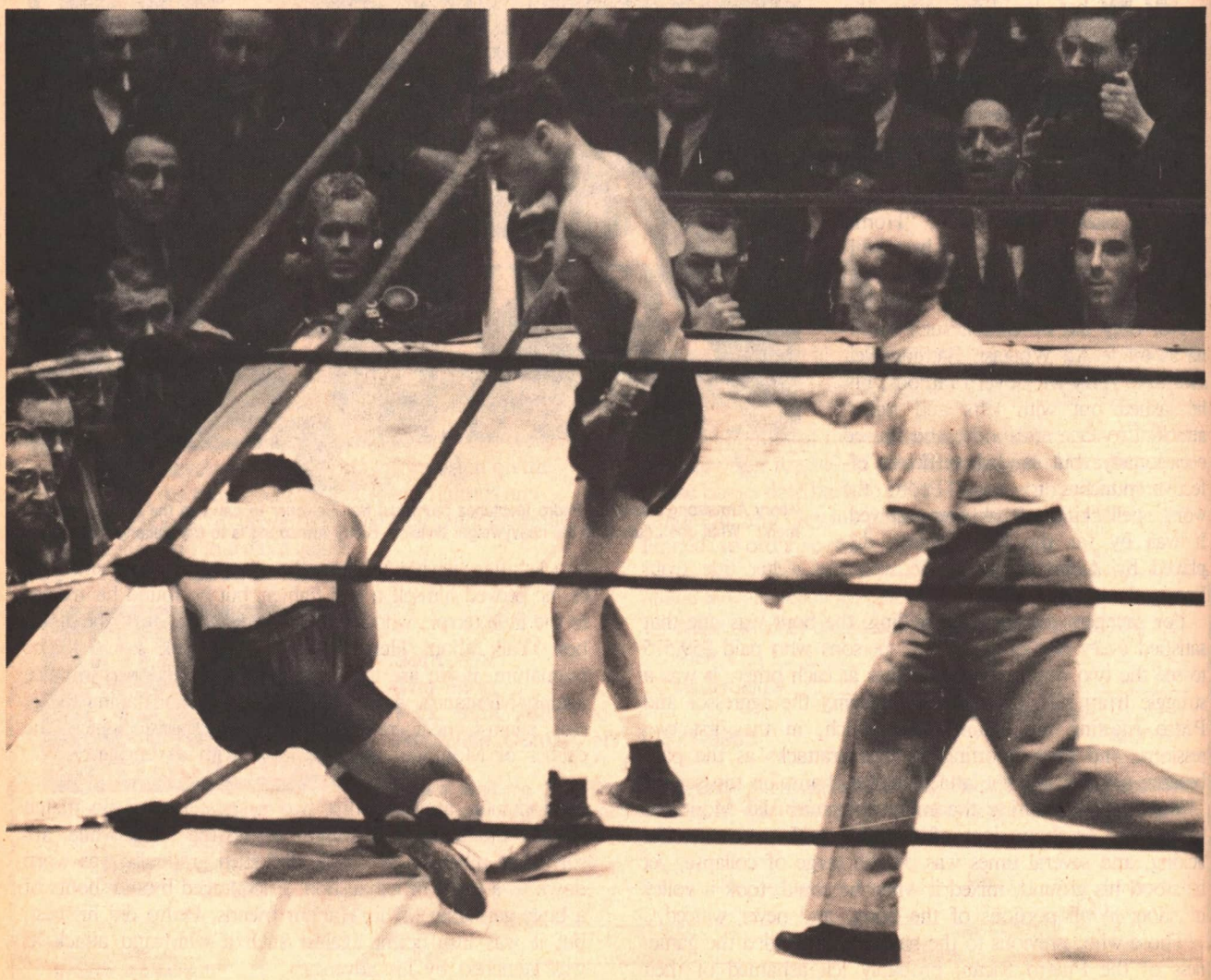
In defeating Montanez, Armstrong shattered the clean record of Pedro, who, prior to that contest, had never been floored. He was downed not once, but three times, and on one occasion, the third knockdown, had the bell not sounded just as the punch crashed against Pedro's chin, Montanez would have been counted out.

In the fourth round, which I thought was Armstrong's best, my blow-by-blow report showed a total of 73 punches landing on the frame of the challenger. It was in that session that Montanez was floored, first for a count of five and again for a seven-count. Henry set off a charge of dynamite against the chin of his rival for the first down, and soon Pedro was resting with his body on the lower rope and his left arm curled around the upper strand. Then he dropped



to the canvas.

The second knockdown came soon after, when, in a furious attack, Armstrong, sensing the kill, tossed lefts and rights and Montanez caved in. He fell part way through the ropes and had a hard time getting up at seven. These trip-hammer blows numbed the senses of the challenger. Had he decided then and there to quit, no one could have found fault with him. But he didn't. He elected to fight it out, and he lasted through four more sessions before a merciful referee, Billy Cavanaugh, halted the fray.

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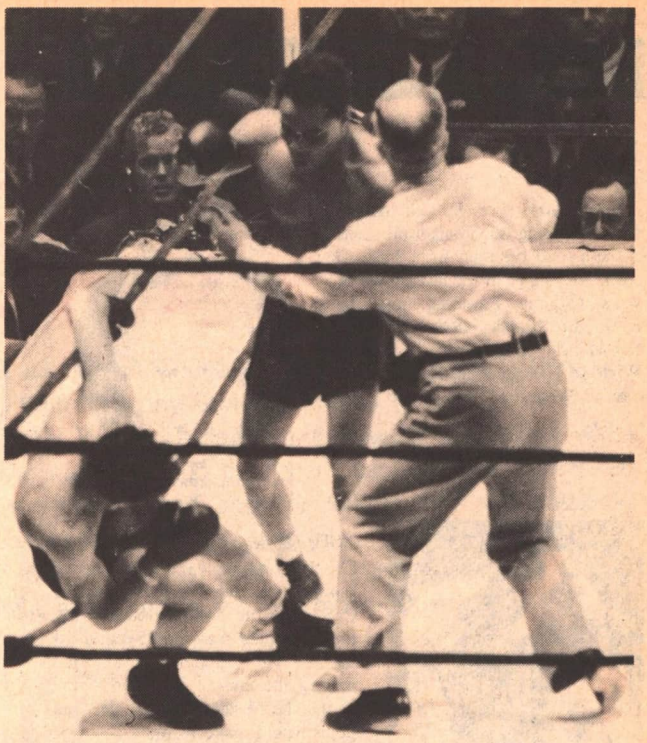
Henry's left hook, which seemed to land more frequently in this fight than in any I have seen him, opened a cut over Montanez' right eye in the third round, and from then to the end, Pedro was severely handicapped by the bleeding. That cut, and the two knockdowns in the fourth, were indications that Henry would again emerge with the crown still in his possession. There could be no doubt about his superiority after that.

Armstrong charged tirelessly, always backing his man either in a corner or against the ropes where, from the tap of the gong, he unleashed everything in his repertoire until the end of the round. He discarded long-range fighting, and so did Montanez, who couldn't fight that way if he had wanted to because of the ever-pressing Hank.

When the eighth round was about to start, Pedro's manager, Lew Burston, shook his head as he examined the eye wound of Montanez and pleaded with the Puerto Rican to



Referee Cavanaugh positions himself between Armstrong and Montanez in the fourth round. In that round, Armstrong landed an incredible 73 blows.

THE RING RATINGS, *April 1940*

Billy Conn

HEAVYWEIGHTS

World Champ: Joe Louis

1. Arturo Godoy
2. Tony Galento
3. Bob Pastor
4. Tommy Farr
5. Johnny Paycheck
6. Lee Savold
7. Red Burman
8. Gunnar Barlund
9. Roscoe Toles
10. Buddy Walker

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

World Champ: Billy Conn

1. Gus Lesnevich
2. Melio Bettina
3. Len Harvey
4. Jock McAvoy
5. Teddy Yarosz
6. Dave Clark
7. Al Gainer
8. Anton Christoforidis
9. Larry Lane
10. Jimmy Webb

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

World Champ: Title Vacant

1. Ceferino Garcia
2. Tony Zale
3. Ken Overlin
4. Al Hostak
5. Ben Brown
6. Atilio Sabatino
7. Ron Richards
8. Georgie Abrams
9. Victor Dellicurti
10. Eddie Peirce

WELTERWEIGHTS

World Champ: Henry Armstrong

1. Milt Aron
2. Cocoa Kid
3. Holman Williams
4. Izzy Janazzo
5. Fritzie Zivic
6. Charley Burley
7. Pedro Montanez
8. Maxie Berger
9. Arthur Danahar
10. Al Davis

LIGHTWEIGHTS

World Champ: Lou Ambers

1. Davey Day
2. Sammy Angott
3. Pete Lello
4. Eric Boon
5. Jackie Wilson
6. Bob Montgomery
7. Dave Castilloux
8. Johnny Bellus
9. Paul Junior
10. Tommy Speigal

FEATHERWEIGHTS

World Champ: Joey Archibald

1. Pete Scalzo
2. Simon Chavez
3. Al Reid
4. Jackie Wilson
5. Young Rightmire
6. Harry Jeffra
7. Jimmy Perrin
8. Chalky Wright
9. Spider Armstrong
10. Bobby Ruffin

BANTAMWEIGHTS

World Champ: Title Vacant

1. K.O. Morgan
2. Tony Olivera
3. George Pace
4. Lou Salica
5. Little Pancho
6. Peter Kane
7. Kui Kong Young
8. Pablo Dano
9. Manuel Ortiz
10. Aurel Toma

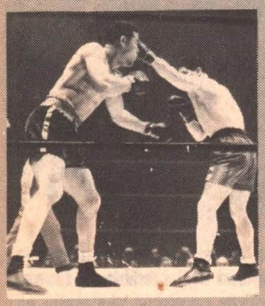
FLYWEIGHTS

World Champ: Title Vacant

1. Little Dado
2. Enrico Urbinati
3. Tiny Bostock
4. Jackie Paterson
5. Paddy Ryan
6. Johnny Boom
7. Joe Curran
8. Jackie Jurich
9. Small Montana
10. Rinty Monaghan

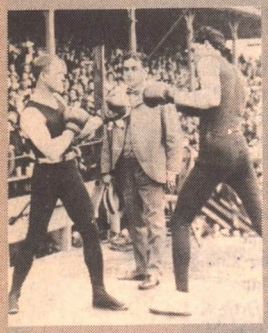
THE RING, April 1940

The Cover: Lee Savold, named most promising heavyweight prospect, is the second big man from Iowa to crack the ratings in the last couple of years (Johnny Paycheck was the first). In March 1940, however, Savold lost a decision to Johnny Whiters. The cover illustration is by Stanley Weston.



A Chile Night For Joe: Editor Nat Fleischer reports on Joe Louis' heavyweight title defense against Chile's difficult Arturo Godoy. "The Brown Bomber" won a 15-round decision. "He's slipping" and "He's nearing the end of his reign" were quotes heard around ringside. But Louis would make 16 more defenses, including a kayo of Godoy in June 1940.

A Sudden Fade: In 1939, San Francisco's Fred Apostoli lost the world middleweight title to Ceferino Garcia and was twice outpointed by Billy Conn. On February 2, 1940, he was easily stopped in the 12th round by Melio Bettina. "The downfall of Fred Apostoli . . . will remain one of the mysteries of boxing," wrote Nat Fleischer. Apostoli fought on until 1948, but never again threatened to reach the top.

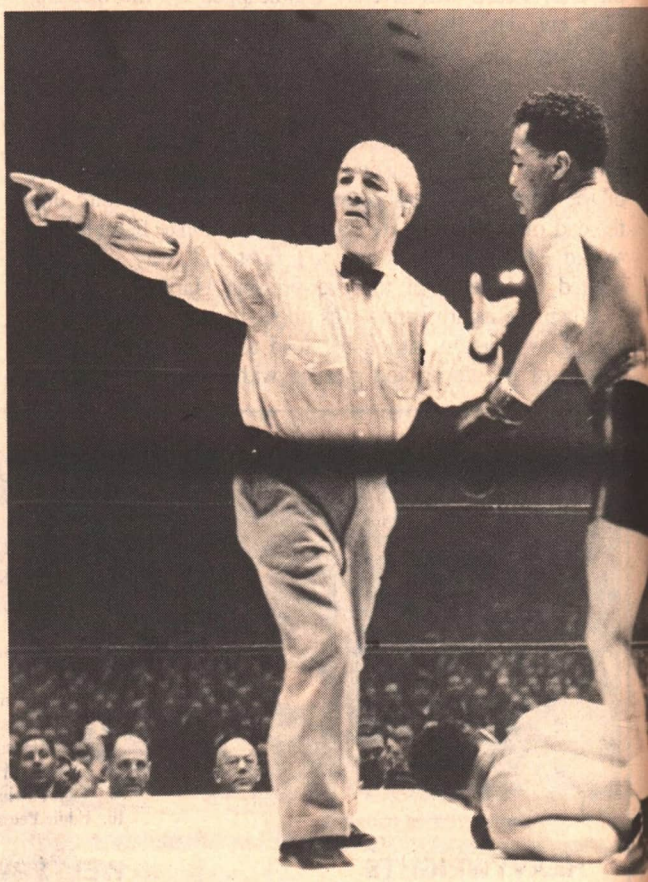


Names And Nicknames: Among the questions in *The Ring's* monthly quiz: Identify the following: the Belfast Spider; the Saginaw Kid; the Fighting Marine; the Pottowatomie Giant; Homicide Hank; the Fargo Express; the Cuban Bob-Bon; Satchel Feet. The answers, in order: Ike Weir, George Lavigne (pictured, left, against Frank Sheltraw), Gene Tunney, Jess Willard, Henry Armstrong, Billy Petrolle, Kid Chocolate, Primo Carnera.

Tireless Warriors: Ted Carroll looks at the world-class fighters known not for skills or strength, but stamina. Not surprisingly, Henry Armstrong tops the list. Also featured, among others: Battling Nelson, Ace Hudkins, Paulino Uzcudun, Johnny Risko (pictured), and Maxie Rosenbloom.

call it a night. But Montanez, remembering those who had so unfairly dubbed him a "geezer," which in ring parlance signifies one who will quit under fire, refused to yield. He insisted that the fight go on, and it did, but only for a short time longer.

It was in that session that Pedro experienced his third tumble to the canvas, one that would have ended the fight had not the bell come to his rescue. Henry came out for that round with a rush. He realized that the end was in sight, and he seemed bent on ending Pedro's misery in that session via the kayo route. So terrific was Henry's pace and so powerful were his punches then, that Montanez virtually stood through that round a helpless creature, taking all and delivering little.



Armstrong is pointed toward a neutral corner in round eight after Montanez is dropped for the third time. He would beat the count, but the bout would be halted in the ninth.

As the round neared the end, Henry nailed Pedro with a clouting right to the chin that spun the Puerto Rican around. Quick as a flash, Hank whipped over a left to the chin, a right to the head, and then came a right cross that tagged the chin and down went Pedro.

His body struck lengthwise and he lay flat on his back, but before the knockdown timer could get started on a count, the bell put the round on ice. He had to be assisted to his corner, where his seconds worked like beavers over him to revive him sufficiently to answer the call for the ninth and final round.

But it was a hopeless task, Pedro could scarcely stand on his feet. He was doomed, and no one knew that more so than did the Puerto Rican. He never had a chance as Armstrong tore into him in the ninth round and lashed lefts and rights from all angles. Scarcely a punch failed to reach the mark. Montanez was on the verge of being dropped again, when Cavanaugh came to the rescue. ■

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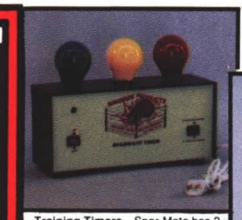

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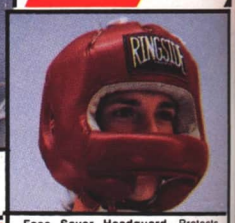

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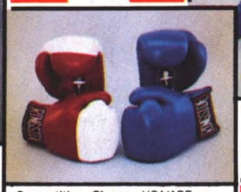

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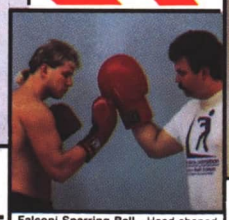

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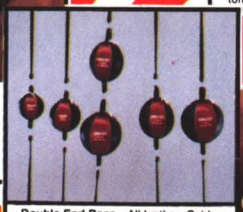

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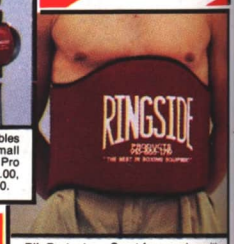

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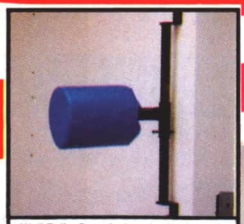

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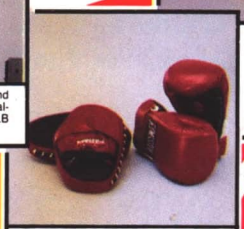

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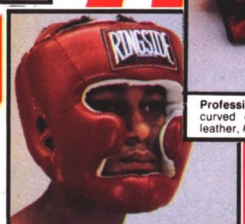

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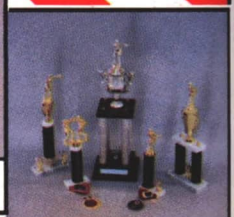

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